

St. Mary-of-the-Woods

At the close of a hundred years of achievement in furthering the cause of educational ideals, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College quietly but confidently enters upon a second century of service in behalf of the best interests of American Catholic higher education.

Indiana's oldest Catholic accredited institution for the higher education of women, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College has grown with the state from the pioneering days of the frontier to a twentieth century

position of power and influence in the Middle West. Nationally recognized for its high scholastic rating, its refined and cultural training, its religious ideals and standards, the college annually attracts young women from all over the United States and from foreign countries as well. At the beginning of the scholastic year, last September, the college register listed students from thirty states and the District of Columbia, and from Mexico, Canada, Columbia, South America, and Puerto Rico.

The present St. Mary-of-the-Woods College is a striking example of progress and development from the first St. Mary's Institute, established by Mother Theodore Guerin and her five companions shortly after their arrival from France in the Autumn of 1840. At the urgent invitation of the Bishop of Vincennes to establish an American foundation of the Sisters of Providence, the sisters had brought with them from their French motherhouse at Ruille all of the experience and knowledge that had made the congregation an educational force in France. Mother Theodore Guerin herself had received the medallion decoration of the French Academy for proficiency in teaching.

Oldest in State.

To their first American school, established in 1841 in conjunction with their new motherhouse in what was then quite literally the forests of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods the Sisters brought a heritage of learning and refinement, and laid plans for high standards of culture and education. It was typical of the foresight of Mother Guerin, that realizing the future needs of advanced education for women, she obtained from the Indiana State Legislature a Charter for conducting an institution of higher education—the oldest such Catholic College for women in the state. The recent Centenary Year, with its extensive program of commemorative events, climaxing in a three-day observance (Oct. 20-22) paid ample and grateful tribute to the century of achievement, made possible by the leadership and administrative genius of the founders of St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

School is 'Small Village.'

Today, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, four miles west of Terre Haute, is a small village in itself. Its spacious wooded campus forms the setting for modern, well-equipped buildings. Two residence halls, Guerin, the freshman home, and Le Fer, that of the upper classmen, are beauty spots of the campus. At the north end of the Avenue is situated Foley Hall, the former academy building, which houses a library of 55,000 volumes, one of the chapels, the refectory and classrooms. West of Foley Hall is the conservatory of music, a spacious, well-equipped building devoted entirely to the training of students interested in the study of music. East of Foley Hall stands the conventual Church of the Immaculate Conception. Other campus buildings include Providence Convent, the gymnasium and the Woodland Inn. A printshop and a blue-ribbon dairy farm are among the interesting aspects of the corps of more than fifteen buildings and units that comprise St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

In such physical equipment the college finds valuable aid in achieving its objectives: The intellectual, moral, spiritual and physical welfare of its students. Specifically the

curriculum of study for each department aims to develop one or more of these general objectives.

A capable, efficient faculty of religious and lay teachers has done much to give to the college the national reputation which it enjoys. Two degrees, the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of science, are conferred. The curricula include courses in art, commerce and finance, dietetics, speech, home economics, education, interior decoration, journalism, languages, library science, philosophy, pre-legal, pre-medical, religion, sciences, secretarial training, social service and sociology. For students of music varied courses in voice, piano, violin, pipe organ, harp, orchestra, glee club and public school music offer adequate opportunity for comprehensive study.

Departmental Groups Important.

Educators agree on the growing importance of departmental organizations in correlating, extending and affording practical application for the knowledge gained in the classroom and laboratory. Departmental organizations accordingly play an important part in the educational development of the students of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. Under the supervision of department heads the students plan the program of activities for these organizations which afford numerous opportunities, both social and intellectual, for those with unified interests.

The departmental clubs with their informal programs are an effective means for developing self-reliance and initiative. At the same time they contribute much to the social life of the campus. This is further stimulated by the many social functions sponsored by the various classes or the student body in general. The junior prom, the senior ball and tea dance, the senior Saint

Catherine's Day dinner and the freshman banquet, and the class parties, seasonal celebrations and class teas all contribute toward making the college year pleasant as well as profitable. May Day, Twelfth Night with its student king and queen and the year-end play or pageant are other memorable occasions.

Concerts, Lectures Featured.

From time to time lecturers, entertainers, all artists in their own field, are presented to the entire student body. In fact the season's program of lectures, concerts and various educational series, is an integral part of the college's plan of educating on a broad, cultural scope. The current scholastic year has brought to the college auditorium the varied programs of such personages as Julien Bryan, world famous photographer; Sigrid Uudet, considered by many the greatest living woman writer of historical fiction, and Jessica Dragonette, first-rank radio and concert star.

Publications Win Honors.

Chronicling the every day life of the college and putting into print the creative thought of its students is the task of the college publications. The Aurora, literary quarterly, concerned with publishing the best of student literature for the past dozen years, has merited all-American recognition and for the past eight years the all-Catholic honors of the Catholic School Press Association. The Aurora, with seventy years of publication to its credit, is something of a pioneer in extra-curricular activities.

Les Bois, the college annual, with a quarter of a century of publication to its credit, has repeatedly merited similar high honors from these press associations, as has Fagots, the bi-monthly newspaper. A fourth publication, is the Bugle Call a mission magazine, and the official organ of the Kalfeng Mission of the Sisters of Providence in China. All these publications are student edited, the staffs usually being comprised of members of the journalism department. All students, however, are encouraged to submit material for publication.

Exercise, Recreation Count.

Aware of the important position of physical fitness in a well-balanced educational program, the college has within reach of its students extensive facilities for wholesome exercise and recreation. A separate building houses a two-story gymnasium, with running track and full equipment of modern apparatus for gymnastics, for basketball and other indoor sports. Adjoining the gymnasium is the natatorium with a thirty-five by seventy-five-foot pool. A nine-hole golf course, several tennis courts, and horseback riding, under the direction of a skilled riding master, are also at the students' disposal. The annual horse show, on Decoration Day, has gained prominence for its outstanding display of student equestrian skill.

Ideals Permeate Program.

There are two religious societies in the college: a local unit of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, and the Sodality. The Catholic ideals and standards, however, per-

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meate all phases of the college's educational program, with the final purpose of achieving character development which will combine successfully religious ideals with social practices.

Someone has shrewdly summed up this idea by saying that "religion is refinement." This is probably what Booth Tarkington had in mind when, speaking of the early education of his mother at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, he said:

"Something rare and fine was brought from France to St. Mary-of-the-Woods and none of those who were students there remained unaffected by it. For lack of a better word I must call it distinctive. . . . And although my mother spoke rarely of this, more often dwelling upon the affection of the sisters and the beauty of the place itself, the manner of St. Mary-of-the-Woods is what remains most deeply impressed upon me. It always springs to my mind when I delve for the true meaning of 'lady.'"

With such a tradition of true education behind it, therefore, St. Mary-of-the-Woods is able to look confidently into a second century of service. Specifically, the college today turns its attention to the implication that such service must represent in connection with the national situation.

National Defense Program.

Acting upon the recommendation of President Roosevelt that higher education aid in strengthening the national defense program, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College has organized a defense plan which will co-operate with national and local programs. The announcement was made by Sister Eugenia, dean of the college, following a faculty meeting at which the proposal was accepted.

The campus defense program is

under the management of a defense committee of faculty members who will be aided by student assistant leaders. An international relations group will define education's stand in upholding the principles of democracy in this world crisis. The Latin-American relations committee will make clear the basis of knowledge necessary to understanding the institutions, culture and views of the peoples of Latin-America. In accordance with this idea the college has already on its curriculum such courses as Portuguese, Latin-American history and commercial Spanish.

In the past the college has co-operated in the citizenship program in Terre Haute and throughout the Wabash Valley. The duty of the committee in charge of affiliation with local committees will encourage this and similar participations which will explain the rights and duties of good citizens.

The function of the student campus activities division will be to organize aid projects which will be worked out by the students. This division will operate in close connection with the new courses relating to defense.

As part of the college defense plan two courses related to the defense program will be added to the second semester curriculum. They are home nursing and nutrition survey.

Under the student activities division of the committee there will be the chaplain's aid committee to co-operate in furnishing mass kits for some of the 400 military chaplains recently appointed in accordance with the national program.

Work of Mother Theodore Them for St. Mary-of-Woods Centennial

By ORIEN W. FIFER, Jr.

The News Staff Correspondent

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., January 22.

"And the wilderness is our only cloister . . ."

These words were written in the pioneer privations of the Wabash river valley nearly 100 years ago—a message that reflected the discouragement in the heart of Mother Theodore Guerin as she and five other Sisters of Providence stood in the forests of Vigo county after a three-month trip from France.

Under the leadership of Mother Theodore they had been called to America to establish a Mother-house of the order in America, and as a result of their religious devotion, their immunity to the hardships that beset them, the Mother-house and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College stand today in tribute.

Instead of the wilderness there are man-made buildings, classrooms, hospitals—a self-sustaining community that has its own coal mine, its own power plant, and a world of historical memories of its founding in 1840. So this year—1940—is the centennial year, which will be observed with special services and activities from time to time.

The first will be Tuesday—but it will not be confined to St. Mary-of-the-Woods. In three other Provincial houses—at Anaheim in California; Maryhurst, Washington, D. C., and at Marywood in Evanston, Ill.—there will be ceremonies; in Catholic schools throughout the nation and in foreign lands there will be sisters from St. Mary-of-the-Woods to retell its traditions. Alumni of the academy will join in these observances, recalling a page from the history of the Catholic church in America.

Solemn pontifical mass will be celebrated here by the Rt. Rev. Raymond R. Noll, vicar-general of the Indianapolis diocese, in the presence of Bishop Joseph E. Ritter after eight candidates receive their black habits and take their vows in the Sisters of Providence. These are things of particular interest to Catholics. But there is a drama in the story of Mother Theodore's life that has its appeal to persons of all faiths.

Let's review it briefly, to show the contrast between the community as it is today and its heart-breaking beginning a hundred years ago.

"We have only one sister capable of making the foundation," said the mother general to the bishop. "If she consents we shall send you sisters next summer."

She was referring to Mother Theodore, who, believing herself unfit for such an undertaking, had not even volunteered when they were sought for the Indiana mission. But when she was told the work would have to be abandoned unless she took charge she consented to make the trip to the Hoosier wilderness.

Early-Day Ocean Trip.

Severing home ties, Mother Theodore and five other sisters set sail for America in a sailing vessel that took forty days to make the crossing—forty days of hardship from storms and sea-sickness, a trip that was a virtual nightmare to all. After arriving in New York, then a city of 400,000 population, the group went by railroad to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Frederick. That was the end of the rail trip. From there they went in a stage coach over the Alleghanies to Wheeling, W. Va., to board a steamboat on the Ohio river.

Finally arriving at Evansville, the sisters took a stage from that city to Vincennes—a trip over a corduroy road made of logs. But if this journey was difficult it was nothing compared to the one from there to Terre Haute. It had been raining thirty-six hours, and the Wabash river was overflowing. They were thrown headfirst into a mud hole when the stage upset; they were bruised and jolted. And when they stopped once at a log house and saw a woman puffing on a pipe Mother Theodore made a note: "Smoking seems customary among the women in this part of the country. Even young girls smoke. This seems very strange."

She also concluded that Terre Haute was "larger and finer than Vincennes, but not pretty." There was no opportunity to converse with the natives, for the sisters spoke only French.

Although St. Mary-of-the-Woods was only a few miles from Terre Haute the stage trip there was through swamp and forest land, and once again the stage upset. Water was up to the horses' backs. However, the sisters concluded that the journey had been so difficult ever since they left France that a few more duckings and bumps could do no harm.

Church Built of Logs.

The original church built by Bishop Brute had burned to the ground a few months before the sisters left their native country, and another one had been built. It was made of logs.

It was in the spring of 1838, according to the Journals and Letters of Mother Theodore, that Bishop Brute, of the Vincennes diocese, bought one and four-fifths acres of ground from Joseph Thralls, a Vigo county farmer, for \$15. On it he built a small frame church which he called St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

The population of Indiana was growing rapidly, and the bishop needed more priests, more sisters and brothers to establish schools. So it was in 1839 that he sent the Very Rev. Celestine de la Hailandiere to France to obtain recruits. But in July of that year Bishop Brute died, and his vicar general—the Rev. de la Hailandier—became his successor. He was consecrated in Paris August 18.

The Congregation of Holy Cross in LeMans gave him six brothers, with their superior, Father Sorin, who became the founder of the University of Notre Dame, and the bishop also received a promise—with qualifications—of a colony of Sisters of Providence at Ruille-sur-Loir.

"We continued to advance into the thick woods," wrote Mother Theodore later, "till suddenly Father Buteux stopped the carriage and said, 'Come down, sisters, we have arrived.' What was our astonishment to find ourselves still in the midst of the forest, no village, not even a house in sight. Our guide led us down into a ravine, whence we beheld a frame house with a stable and some sheds. 'There,' he said, 'is the house where you will lodge until your house is ready.'"

They worshipped in the church with its altar of planks. It served an area of sixty miles.

The sisters lived in the garret at the farm house, which was the home of the same Joseph Thralls, who had sold the site for the first St. Mary-of-the-Woods church. They slept on straw ticks on the floor until their new home was completed five weeks later.

Thralls then sold his property and eighty acres to the bishop.

The spot where the first church stood is now the south half of the court of the college. The first academy was enlarged in 1846, and in 1860 a new and larger building surrounding the first was started. It was not completed until 1870 because of the civil war.

In 1898 the present four-story structure was completed, making an inclosed court.

Years of hardship lay ahead of Mother Theodore; years in which the order grew steadily in its influence as it overcame the tremendous privations of a forest home. The community today shows the results of her victory, although death ended her active part in it in 1856.

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This Indenture made this ninth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty six, between Celestine Guyuennier de la Hoillendier, Bishop of Vincennes of Knox County in the State of Indiana of the first part and the following Sisters of Providence towit Anne Therise Guerise (otherwise called Sister Theodora (~~Miss~~ Victoria Gage) alias Sister Vincent-Ferrier, Josephine Seneschal (alias Sister Basilda) Grima Lefer de la Motte (alias Sister Frances Xavier), Thirise Boyer (alias Klempida), Louise Sirecin (alias Sister Mary Lignow), Francoise Leise (alias Sister Mary Xavier), Jane Dequinte (alias Sister Agnes), Josephine Pardiellon (alias Sister Mary Joseph), Eleanor Bailly (alias Sister Mary Cecilia), Mary Ann Graham (alias Sister Augustine), ~~Sister~~ Sophia Kennedy (alias Sister Mary Celestia), Ann Moore (alias Sister Gabriella), Augusta Linch (alias Sister Mary Magdalen), Welbruga Eisen (alias Sister Catharine), Catharine Guthuic (alias Sister Theresa), Christine Walter (alias Sister Ann) and Margaret Gurthneck (alias Sister Martha) of the State of Indiana of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the trusts and conditions, herein after mentioned and for divers other good and valuable considerations hi thereunto moving hath given granted & bargained and sold aliened and transferred unto the said parties of the second part and the survivor and survivors of them and the heirs and assigns of such survivors the following described real estate towit (except as herein reserved) situated in the County of Vigo and State of Indiana.

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Old brick school built (St. Joseph's Academy)
Amory Kinney, John F. Cruft, Elijah Tillotson, Moody Chamberlain, Thomas Houghton, Russel Ross, Enoch Dole, Matthew Stewart.
Teachers. Chas. T. Noble - Nathaniel Preston - W.D. Griswold.
Heirs of Clem to French Lot # 12 for \$1.00 quit claim 19/97
French to Tuell for \$1,100.00 lot # 12 19/97
Tuell sold to Bishop de St. Palais Aug. 20/57 for \$1,400.
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of O.L. # 46 lies between 6 and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cherry and Mulberry.

2/5/44 S.P.L. pet Council.
1847 Burton assigned to S.P.L.
3/12/57 Lange deeded to M. de St. P.
3/25/57 S.P.L. Will

12/25/99 Christmas Dayney
11/20/01 Ambrose Dagenet
Oct. 1811 Tipton's Journal
Thurs. 3d marched at 9, 4 horses missing, 3 men left to hunt ~~haxax~~ them; marched one mile, came to Tare Holt, an old Indian village on the east side of Wabash on high land near a large prairie. Peach and apple trees growing. The tents torn down by the army that camped hereon the 2nd. Two miles further came up with the army. Horses found. Camped on the river on beautiful high ground to build a garrison.
Tuesday 15th I went with another man down to Tare Holt to look for indians. We had whiskey. Stpt at tare holt. Found no indians, went down to drink.

William Harris along north line (Locust) Jan. 29, 1814, East line Jan 29, 1814

2/5/44 Lalumiere asked Town opportunity to purchase for cemetery.
1847 Lalumiere procured John Burton's assignment of lot 36 in 16 - 12 - 9.
1857 de St. Palais paid Auditor \$48.00 and interest for deed to 36 in 16 - 12 - 9.

June 23, 1848 Algernon S. Badollet and Julia his wife of Lawrence County, Illinois and Rachel Collins (widow of John Collins) of Vincennes sold to Simon P. Lalumiere of Terre Haute for \$600.00 lot # 9.

By his will S.P. Lalumiere May 25, 1857 devised all his property to Maurice de St. Palais, Bishop of Vincennes.

Jan. 29, 1849 S.P.L. for \$5.00 lot # 9 in T.H. Simon Petit Lalumiere.

June 13, 1874 Pius Kotterer for \$100.00 sold the undivided 1/3 of lot # 9 to Joseph Esen subject to a mortgage given by B. Keller, John Kroeger and Pius Kotterer to the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods of \$9,000.00.

Lot # 9 and # 10 T.H. Co. to Curtis Gilbert 5.00.
9 & 10 Gilbert to School Society 51.
Corner 9 to Armstrong 36 - his heirs to S.P.L. 5/23/48
10 Corner to Scott and Wasson 36 - they to S.G. Brute 1/12/37.
S. Buteux built a church and dedicated July 26, 40.
S.P. Lalumiere died May 25, '57 was pastor in Feb., '44 when he petitioned through C. Groverman and J. Campbell, Council for perm of purchase one acre.

Wabash Courier, May 17, 1856

"Mother Theodore died at St. Mary's last night.

She often sat for a half hour in our sanetum, giving us good advice and answering any inquiry we might make. She spoke beautifully and intelligently on any subject introduced."

Case # Sept. 16, 1835.

May 28, 1836 Jones Commissioner sold lot # 9, James Farrington \$700.00

highest bidder transferred his right to buy to Andrew Armstrong who rec'd deed from Jones.

Nov. 1, 1836 Ezra Jones a Commissioner of the Cot. Ct. in case of ~~marry~~

Amory Kinney vs. J.B. McCall et al. sold to Lucius H. Scott & James Wason

the highest bidders for \$350.00 Lot #10.

Jan. 12, 1837 Scott & Wasson sold # 10 to Simon Gabriel Brute of Knox County for \$500.00.

Apr. 28, 1847 Armstrong by will devised to Rachel Collins & Julia Badollet

his daughters lot # 9 in T.H.

Lot # 11

T.H. Co. to Chas. Thompson 11/23/22 1/375 \$5.00

Lucy, Nancy T., Olive and Daniel T. 7/8/28 3/214

Olcott to Demas Deming 1/9/30 3/215 \$60.00 for 11 and # 153.

Henry Thompson to Deras Deming 8/4/30 6/198 for \$15.00 Deming further conveys 11

Demas Deming to C. Gilbert 3/15/30 3/236 \$80.00 for #11 and undivided half

of 14 of SW 14 - 12 - 9.

Gilbert to Thomas Houghton 8/11/41 9/33 \$575.00 for # 11.

Houghton to Rev. Maurice de St. Palais 3/16/53 17/230 \$3,000.00

Lot # 10

9 & 10/5.00 T.H. Co. to C. Gilbert 11/15/27 2/491.

9 & 10/90.00 Gilbert to Trustees T.H. School Society 9/16/31 3/435

Ezra M. Jones Connir (?) to Lucius H. Scott and James Wasson 11/1/36 6/224

Wasson and Wife and L.H.Scott to Simon Gabriel ~~Brute~~ Brute 1/12/37 6/281.

Lot # 9

T.H.Co. to Gilbert 11/15/27 2/491. (corrected)

Gilbert to School Society 9/16/31 3/435 (corrected)

Ezra M. Jones Connir (?) to Andrew Armstrong 5/28/36 5/519

Armstrong to Rachel Collins and Julia Badollet will 4/28/47 Prob. O.B.4/93.

Collins and Badollet to Simon P. Lalumiere 5/23/48 12/566.

Lalumiere to Church (Will) 5/25/57 W.I/58.

S.F.L. to Sisters of Prov. 1/29/49 49/211.
 Jane Brown Sister Anastasia S. 6/11

Jane Brown - Sister Anastasia Supr. Gen'l of St. Mary of the Woods to Bonaventure
Keller Pine Ketterer and John Emerson 4/25/72 44/255

Keller, Pius Lotterer and John Kroeger 4/30/72 - 44/135.
See also 47/40 49/212 50/388 - 400

See Also 47/40 49/212 50/399 - 400

Lot ~~7~~^N 12

Vigo County by Farrington Agt. to Geo. Clem - Consid - not known 8/5/24 21/306

Thos. Durham to Wm. C. Clem 2/19/40 \$300.00 121 acres NW 18 - 11 - 9, NE 18 - 11 - 9.

48 acres in SW 18 - 11 - and # 12 lot.

Heirs of Clem to Ersom French 1/9/55 19/97

French to Wm. B. Tuell 2/7/55 19/97

French to Tuell 6/28/57 21/73 \$180.00 for 1/10 interest in # 12

Tuell to Maurice de St. Palais 8/20/57 21/75 \$2,650.00

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July 9, 1846
de la Hailandiere to Sisters of Providence

1. Commencing at NE Cor of SE qr. 1 - 12 - 10.
E. 5 ch. 65 lks.
S 19 deg. W. 6 ch.
S 5 deg. 30 min. E, 2 ch. 6 lks.
S 7 deg. 30 min. W 6 ch. 65 lks to Beech 12" diam.
S 67 deg. W 1 ch 84 lks.
S 80 deg. W 2 ch 14 lks to Section line
N. 75 deg W 14 ch 50 lks to little branch
N 36 deg. E 5 ch 70 lks
N 14 deg. E 7 ch 60 lks
N 18 deg 15 min E 6 ch 22 lks
~~N 18 deg 15 min E 6 ch 22 lks~~
E 6 ch 84 lks to place of beginning
22 1/4 A in 1 - 12 - 10 - 5 1/4 A in 6 - 12 - 9. Same as 5/16/40.
2. W 1/2 of SW qr. 6 - 12 - 9 containing 57.78 A except 5 1/4 acres above
Part of SW 6 - 12 - 9 in NE of said SW 6 - 12 - 9.
Beginning at black walnut blazed on both sides. about 6" diam on the west line.
S 57 rods to SW Cor.
E 8 rods, 13 ft.
N 52 rods.
W to place of beginning. 3A
Also E 1/2 of SE qr 1 - 12 - 10 containing 80 acres except 22 1/4 already
conveyed 5/16/40 and 19 3/4 A sold Jacob Thralls.
Commencing at NW qr of said tract
S 20 ch (21 in Rec. 8) 80 lks
N 60 deg. E 7 ch 10 lks.
N 36 deg E 5 ch 70 lks
N 14 deg E 7 ch 60 lks.
N 18 deg 15 min 6 ch. 22 lks
W 13 ch 10 lks to place of beginning same as conveyed 11/10/40
Except portion shown in plat on back of deed
Commencing at A to B to C to D thence on a line with the north boundary of
graveyard to E to F to G to H to J to K to L to M to N and to A being
the ground embracing SW Corner of above land and particularly church,
graveyard and parsonage.

July 14, 1846 Sisters for C.G. de la H. NE Cor SE also E Se 1/12/10
Trust deed and in W SW 6 - 12 - 9 Trust Deed 11

Apr. 18, 1948 Sisters of P fr. Stephen Bazin in SE 1 - 12 - 10 50 A
Also " " " " " " N SW 6 - 12 - 9 57.08 A 12

July 9, 1846 Bishop H and following Sisters of Prov. Anne Therese Guerin (otherwise called Sister Theodora) Victoria Gage (alias Sister Vincent Ferrer) Josephine Seneschal (alias Sister Basilda) Irma Leier de la Motte (alias Sister Francis Xavier) Therese Boyer (alias Klenpida) Louisa Tirecin (alias Sister Mary Ligouri) Francois Leise (alias Sister Mary Xavier) Jane Dequinte (alias Sister Agnes) Josephine Pardeillan (alias Sister Mary Joseph) Eleanor Bailly (alias Sister Mary Cecilia) Mary Ann Graham (alias Sister Augustine) Sophia Kennedy (alias Sister Mary Celestia) Ann Moore (alias Sister Gabriella) Augusta Luicke (alias Sister Mary Magdalen) Wellings Eisen (alias Sister Catherine) Catherine Guthneck (alias Sister Theresa) Christine Walter (alias Sister Anne) and Margaret Guthneck (alias Sister Martha) in consideration of the trusts and conditions hereinafter mentioned.

1st certain parcel comm at NE Cor SE 1 - 12 - 10 E 5 ch 66 lks.

S 19 deg W - 6 ch - S 5 deg. 30 min E 2 ch 6 l - S 7 deg 30 min W 6 ch
65 l to a beech tree 12 " in diam - S 67 deg W - 1 ch 84 lks - S 30 deg W 2 ch 14 l
to Section line. Thence N 75 deg W - 14 ch 50 lks to a little branch - N 36 deg E
5 ch 70 l - N 14 deg E - 7 ch 60 l - N 18 deg 15 min E 6 ch 22 l E 6 ch 84 l
to place of beginning cont 27 1/2 A 22 1/2 in NE Cor 1 - 12 - 10 & 5 1/2 A in 6 - 12 - 9
being the same conveyed by Joseph Thralls and wife by deed dated May 16, 1840

2nd W - S 6 - 12 - 9 containing 57.78A except 5 1/2 acres already sold to Celestin.
Also part of SW 6 - 12 - 9 in NE of said quarter beginning at black walnut on
west line running 57 rods S to the SW Cor thence 8 rods 13 ft east - thence
52 rods north thence west to beginning being 3 acres. Also E - SE 1 - 12 - 10
containing 80 acres except 22 1/2 A already sold Celestin (being the same above
described) and 19 3/4 A sold to Jacob Thralls commencing at NW Cor of aforesaid
tract S 20 ch 80 l - N 60 deg E 7 ch 10 l - N 36 deg E 5 ch 70 l - N 14 deg
E 7 ch 60 l - N 18 deg 15 min E 6 ch 22 l West 13 ch 10 l to place of beginning
being the same conveyed by Jos. Thralls & wife to Celestin Nov. 10, 1840
excepting the A B C D E at Graveyard Church and Parsonage. Conditioned on
good standing etc and without power etc except Celestin his heirs and assigns
joins with them. No building erected, altered demolished without his consent
his heirs and assigns.

16 Lalumiere from C. Rose (Exec.) Oct. 15, 1849 for \$531.27 - # 3 - 8 - 9 in
2 (Chase's) Subdiv. of part of NE 22 - 12 - 9 6.11 acres.

17 from Harvey Carpenter Mar. 8, 1853 in SW Cor of SW 14 - 12 - 9 10 acres \$700.00

374 to Maurice and Edw Tinney Aug. 23, 1853 part of SW 14 - 12 - 9 5 acres \$500.00

467 from Isaac W. Miller Oct. 11, 1854 # 141 Rose's addition \$650.00

453 to James Kelley May 10, 1855 # 141 Rose's addit \$650

170 to Firman Nippert Oct. 15, 1855 lots 3-8 Chase's sub of 100 acres in NE
19 22 - 12 - 9 4.14 acres \$2,000.00

352 from Henry Snyder June 5, 1856 - # 5 and part of # 6 in O.L. # 35 \$1072.00

59 to Aug. Fuchs, Nov. 6, 1856 lot # 70 except one acre in 16 - 12 - 9 \$400.00

238 from Jos. C. Baker Mar. 20, 1857 E 1/2 of W 1/2 of S 1/2 of O.L. 46 \$1,400.

464 Mar. 16, 1853 Thos. Houghton to M. de St. P #11 - \$5,000.00 17
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141 in Rose's Add NW Cor 9th and Eagle

3 and # 8 in Chase's #3 faces Tippecanoe at 13th & #8 is back of it on 14th

#5 & #6 in O.L. 33 #5 SE Cor 3rd and Wilson

Lot 70 in 16 - 12 - 9 W.S. 1st 1/4 mi. n. of Eighth Ave.

E 1/2 of W 1/2 of S 1/2 of 46 Commercial Club.

C. Rose Executor of will of Asa L. Chase for \$531.37 sold to S.P.L. lots

3 (2.07 acres) # 8 (2.07) # 9 (1.97 acres).

Carpenter for \$700.00 to S.P.L. - 10 acres in SW 14 - 12 - 9 who sold 5 acres
to Tinney for \$500.00

From Snyder lot 5 and 2 off of south side of lot 6 in Ann Baunes sub. of O.L. 33

to Fuchs lot 70 except one acre off NE. Cor.

S.P.L. Will 1/15 Catherine Keiley by her mark "X" willed all that she owned
personal or real estate to S.P.L. to hold or dispose of for charitable
purposes. Signed Apr. 4, 1853. Probated Feb. 4, 1854.

Lalumiere

July 31, 1855 1.00 1.00 1.00 3.00

A Catholic Priest. He is dead 3.00

Frank Thralls? 1832-1846 Alice b. abt. 1846 m. Elijah Vessell 1866

Land entries of SE 1 - 12 - 10

" " of SW 6 - 12 - 9 W 1/2 - 60.78 acres Ent Geo Smith
(57.78 in parcel 1 - 3 acres in parcel 2) 3/18/25 Deed of Nov. 12, '40

80 A E 1/2 of SE 1 - 12 - 10 by Joseph Thralls Jan. 10, 1835

40A SW of SE 1 - 12 - 10 " " Feb. 20, 1836

2/6/36 Renas Thralls ent. SW of NE Sec. 3 - 12 - 10 (38.09A)
12/19/35 E 1/2 of NW Sec 3 - 12 - 10 (76.96A)

Marriage Licence of Elijah Vessels to Alice Thralls Issued Nov. 24, 1866
m. Nov. 27, 1866 by Meinrad McCarthy O.S.B. C.P.

Jos. Thralls fr. Geo. Smith May 21, 1835 W 1/2 SW qr. 6 - 12 - 9 80A WD 325.00 5 79 5
to Thos. Langhead Oct. 26, 1835 N 1/2 of W 1/2 of SE qr 36 - 13 - 10A WD 125.20 1

Renas fr. U.S. 12/19/35 E 1/2 of NW qr 3 - 12 - 10 80A \$100.00 5

Joseph fr. Jackson Langden 5/26/35 NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 6 - 12 - 9 40A WD 100.00 5 426 5
fr. Geo Smith Jr 3/5/36 in NE of SW 6 - 12 - 9 3A WD \$40.00 426 5
to Geo Smith Quad 7 3/5/36 NW of NW 6 - 12 - 9 40A WD \$50.00 427
to Geo Smith Sr. 3/5/36 SW of SE 1 - 12 - 7 10 Index I in Index
40A \$50.00 5

Jos. fr John Tewell 9/12/36 NE of NW 36 - 13 - 10 40A 100.00 6 315

" to Manson Gosnell 2/2/37 2/21/37 NE of NE 36 - 13 - 10 40A 160.00 6 314

" fr. Jesse Kennedy 8/10/37 in E 1/2 of NE 1 - 12 - 10 5A 25.00 7 56

Jacob fr. Geo Smith 1/2/38 in W 1/2 of SE 1 - 12 - 10 7A 35.00 7 110

Joseph to Simon Brute 5/26/38 in E 1/2 of SE 1 - 12 - 10 unknownA 15.00 7 160 X

Francis fr. Geo Smith 10/23/36 SW of SW. NE of SW, SW of NE 1 - 12 - 10
240A \$250.00 ? 7 336

Joseph to Jesse Kennedy 3/7/38 in E 1/2 of NE 1 - 12 - 10 5A 7 338

Joseph to Celestine de la H 5/16/40 in NE 6or SE 1/4 1 - 12 - 10 27 1/2 A 8 228

" " " " 12/1/30 8 453

Francis to John Riordan Lot in T.H.

" to John Shearin 1/15/43 N side SW of SE 1 - 12 - 10 36A \$560.00 9 762

St. Mary's - of the Woods

EDUCATORS

MOTHER THEODORE.

Mother Theodore, foundress of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, was one of the first educators to come to this community and endured with much fortitude, along with a small group of Sisters, who accompanied her across the waters to this young America, the discomforts, and de-

privations of what was then a vast wilderness. Upon her arrival she found only a small cabin of crude construction in which the occupants were often exposed to the outside elements because of the loosely built structure. She soon found that she would be unable to secure the funds

in this country that would be needed to improve the school as she desired so she braved the seas once more and after a year in France, where she was often fearful of defeat, she finally succeeded in creating enough interest in her work to provide sufficient money for her enterprise. She returned and developed an educational center which has developed into one of the finest schools in the United States.

The Rose Polytechnic institute brought to Terre Haute some of the most eminent scientists and educators of their day.

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CHURCH of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saint Mary-of-the- Woods, Indiana

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HISTORY

The church is named in honor of the Blessed Virgin under the title Immaculate Conception. The corner stone was laid on September 14, 1886; the church was dedicated on December 8, 1891, and consecrated on October 23, 1907, by Msgr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate. The sign of consecration is the twelve gold Maltese crosses painted on the two pillars supporting the arch of the apse and on the walls below Stations III through XII.

General Design - The architect was D. A. Bohlen and Son of Indianapolis who planned an Italian Renaissance structure, patterned somewhat after the Church of the Holy Trinity in Paris. The exterior is of Bedford limestone on the west and south sides. The height from the base of the central door to the top of the cross-tipped tower is 150 feet. The exterior length is 172 feet.

The ground plan is cruciform with an apse, transepts, and a broad central nave separated by rows of pillars from two aisles over which are galleries. The whole arrangement is typical of the Christian basilica with Roman arches. The Renaissance style, popular from the XV century, is decorated Roman.

Altars - There are seven stationary altars, all of Carrara marble with niches of Pavonazzo marble. The high altar has four horizontal sections: the table support, the tabernacle section, the exposition elevation, and the niche for the statue of the Sacred Heart. The last two are lined with gold mosaic. In the center of the frontal is a carved relief of the Lamb of the Apocalypse on a book with seven seals. The Greek letters alpha and omega are on either side. These letters, meaning first and last, signify that God is the beginning and the end of all.

To the north and south of the sanctuary are the altars of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. The altar of St. Cecilia, St. Agnes, and St. Agatha occupies a niche in the north transept. In the south transept is the altar of St. Aloysius, St. Stanislaus, and St. John Berchmans.

The two remaining altars - the Rosary Altar and the Altar of St. Anne and St. Joachim - are interesting because the figures are in high relief instead of free standing. In the Rosary Altar group the Blessed Virgin gives the rosary to St. Dominic while the Infant presents a chaplet to St. Catherine of Siena. St. Anne and St. Joachim are shown with the little Mary against a background of interesting historical details.

Under the altar of the Blessed Virgin are the relics of Saint Urban, pope and martyr, enclosed in a life-size wax figure. Under the altar of St. Joseph are the relics of St. Theodore, martyr.

The two statues above the pillars at the beginning of the nave are on the north St. Teresa of Avila, patron of Anne Therese Guerin (Mother Theodore), and on the south St. Rose of Lima, first canonized woman saint of the two Americas, North and South.

Other Marbles - The walls behind the main altar of deep red Numidian marble from Africa throw the white altar into striking relief. The marble of the altar railing is from Skyros, one of the islands in the Aegean Sea, and is very precious as the quarry has long been extinct. The steps leading to the altars, the holy water fonts, and the walls of the vestibule are all Italian Pavonazzetto marble. The floor of the sanctuary, which was laid in 1937, is of various Italian and Belgium marbles.

American marble is found in the dark green Georgian steps leading to the floor of the sanctuary and in the rose Georgian of the pillars and the balcony rail. The latter is an exquisite example of marble carving.

Paintings - Thaddeus von Zukotynski, a Polish artist, graduate of the Academy of Arts at Munich, did all the paintings. On the semi-dome above the High Altar is a fresco painting of Our Blessed Mother as the Immaculate Conception with the Archangels Michael and Gabriel below her on left and right. The four Evangelists in heroic size are beneath the dome. On the ceiling at the transept-nave crossing is a magnificent Ascension. Two other murals adorn the high spaces on the north

and south transepts - The Return from Calvary, in which the artist depicted himself supporting the shoulders of the dead Christ, and The Flight Into Egypt. Windows - Notable for their rich and brilliant color, the stained glass windows were made at the Royal Bavarian Art Institute of Munich. The cartoon for each window was drawn from studies furnished by the Sisters. Some suggest well known paintings as Raphael's Espousals, Titian's Presentation of the Virgin. The majority depict scenes from the life of Our Lord or the life of the Blessed Virgin. The last two on either side of the nave present Judith and Esther, Old Testament types of Mary; Isaiah, who foretold the Virgin Motherhood, and David, ancestor of Mary.

The Stations of the Cross - The gift of Rev. Dennis J. McMullen, pastor of St. Mary Church, Richmond, Indiana, the Stations of the Cross were executed in Munich and installed on December 5, 1891.

Other Decorations - The church is filled with decorations symbolic or otherwise. The acanthus leaf design in the border of the terrazzo floor is repeated together with the cross in the painting of the underarches of the gallery.

In the apse under the paintings of the four Evangelists are their symbols - cherub, ox, lion, and eagle. Beautiful bronze grilles conceal the windows of the reclusium, and on either side, and behind the high altar are the coats of arms of Pius IX, Leo XIII and Pius X, reigning pontiffs during the planning and building of the church.

Over the arches embossed monograms MA for Mary, JMJ for the Holy Family, and IHS for Jesus are repeated. On the transept walls are tablets for the Old and New Law and symbols of the Passion of Our Lord. In the nave between the arches wheat and grapes represent the Holy Eucharist; lilies at the pillar symbolize Our Lady of Divine Providence; the latter is also represented by birds and flowers on the back gallery wall.

Above the gallery are symbols in relief of Mary as Mystical Rose and Mirror of Justice. In the frieze around the cove of the ceiling are symbols and Latin titles of many invocations from the Litany of Our Lady painted in gold leaf.

Copied from Terre Haute City Directory, 1858.

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE.

FEMALE INSTITUTE

of
ST. MARY'S OF THE WOODS, Near
Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

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St. Mary's Institute is about four miles from Terre Haute, located in a retired, healthy, and pleasant situation. The building is spacious, erected in a handsome style, and well adapted for the purpose of an extensive Boarding School for young Ladies. The grounds being ample and retired, present every inducement for physical exercise, without exposure to passers by; and the pupils may engage in the various sports which taste and health require, without danger of intrusion from abroad, or of becoming themselves annoyers to others.

The course of instruction embraces Orthography, Reading, Writing, Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography and History, together with all the higher branches, which constitute a thorough English education; also, French, German and Latin; Drawing, Painting in water colors, Oriental and Oil Painting; all varieties of Manual Work, and the making of Artificial Flowers; Vocal Music--Guitar and Piano.

As the members of the Institution profess the Catholic religion, the exercises of religious worship are Catholic, but as members of every other denomination are received, it is only required that they assist with propriety at the public duties of religion.

Should a pupil be taken sick, immediate information will be forwarded to the parents, who are at liberty to withdraw her. Should they think proper to leave her in the Institution, she will receive every attention that affection and kindness can suggest. In such cases the parents will be responsible for the doctor's bill.

Visits are not permitted, except from parents, guardians, very near relations, or persons expressly introduced by parents or guardians; and these visits must be made on Thursday only. An exception to the latter part of this rule is made in favor of those who come from a distance.

An account of the disposition, capacity and progress of each pupil will be transmitted to the parents and guardians at the expiration of each session. At the close of the scholastic year, an examination will be held, followed by a distribution of premiums. No pupil will be received for a term less than a session, and no deduction will be made after a session is commenced, except in case of sickness or expulsion from school.

Letters written to the young ladies, or by them, are perused previously to their being delivered, or forwarded, and it is strictly required that all the letters addressed to them be post-paid.

Each pupil must be provided at her entrance with a suitable supply of clothing, (pockets to be inserted in the dresses,) together with six napkins, a knife and fork, a table and teaspoon, and at least five dollars for pocket money. Every article belonging to the pupil, must be marked with her name. Parents and guardians residing at a distance, are requested to make some arrangement with a friend or merchant in Terre Haute, to furnish the children with the articles they may need while they remain at school.

A charge of a dollar and a half per week, will be made for scholars remaining in the institution during vacation.

Payments are to be made in advance for each session.

The first session commences on the 16th of September, and ends February 12th; the second begins the 13th of February, and terminates at the public distribution of July 15th.

Address, MOTHER MARY CECILIA BAILLY.

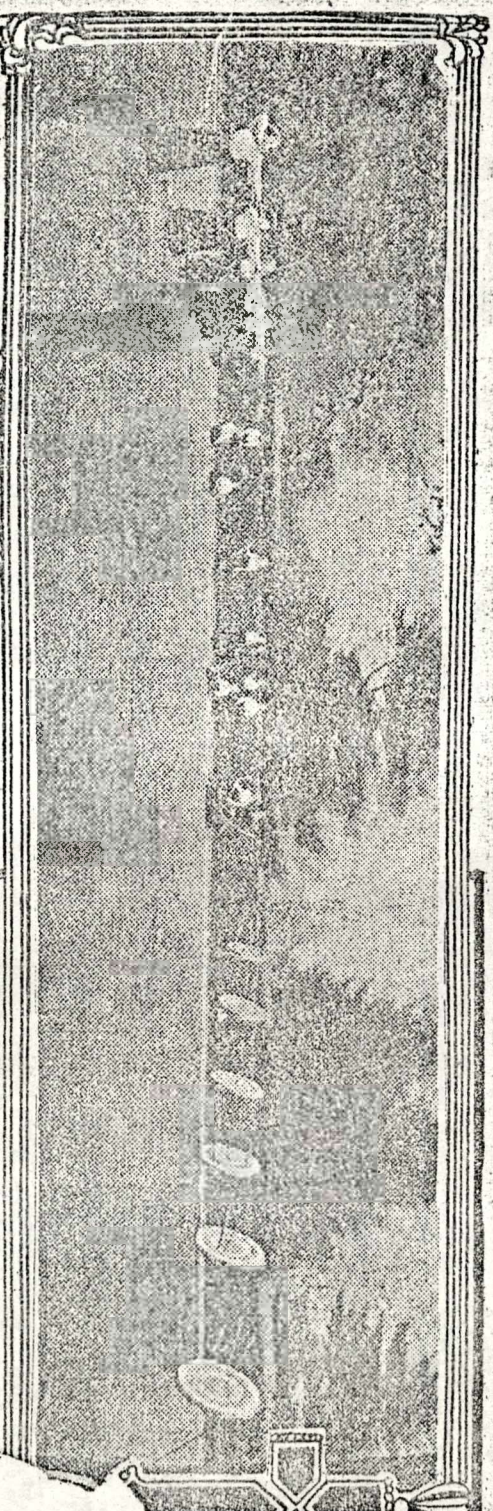
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At Mary's

Girls at Indiana Convent School

Now They Are as Ardent in Pursuit of Physical Accomplishments as of Mental Proficiency and Spiritual Grace



ARCHERY PRACTICE

THE time has not long been past when the convent schoolgirl spent six days of the week and something like this: Mass at daybreak, studies, three visits to the refectory, a little needle-work, night prayers and bed at 9 o'clock. This daily program was varied occasionally by a short cross-country walk. Every Sunday morning brought the envied "long sleep," which meant a half hour longer in bed because there were no studies.

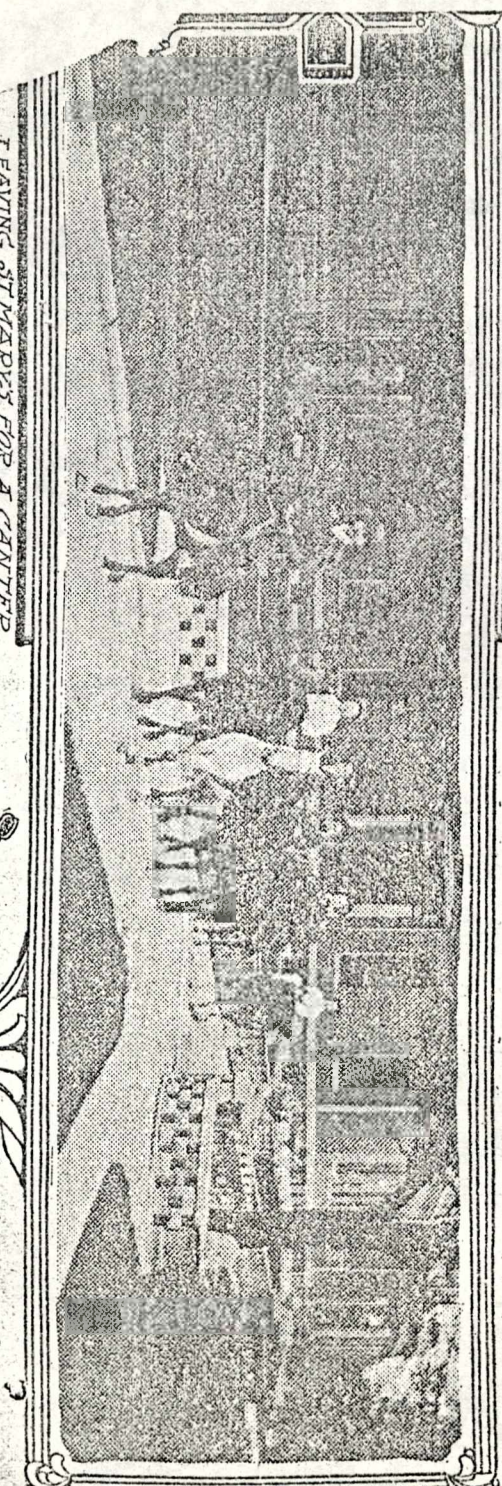
Convent schools have been breaking away from this tradition within the last few years, however, and are giving rest from Greek verbs and minor logic with a variety of recreations that at present approach dangerously near to the ranges and other sports long considered exclusively and pre-eminently masculine. The time was when a young woman of a convent school came into the world again with a finished education in music, painting, languages and similar feminine accomplishments. Now she returns to her friends skilled not only in these acquirements, but with true aim at bows, a graceful equestrian, strong-armed, for archery and a vigorous swimmer.

St. Mary's of the Woods, a school for young women of which Indiana has been proud for many years, in the first rank among the convent schools of the United States in fostering and increasing this innovation from old-time methods. Year by year money and care have been expended with a lavish hand in furnishing equipment for this long-neglected factor in the threefold education. Studies have been arranged and rearranged so that a large amount of time can be expended in ungracefully to the neglect of the acquiring physical accomplishments, from falling—there will even one Latin declension or a moment of study time.

The predominant note in the recreations now being afforded at St. Mary's of the classes and chapel

Break Away From Old Traditions

Accomplishments as of Mental Proficiency and Spiritual Grace



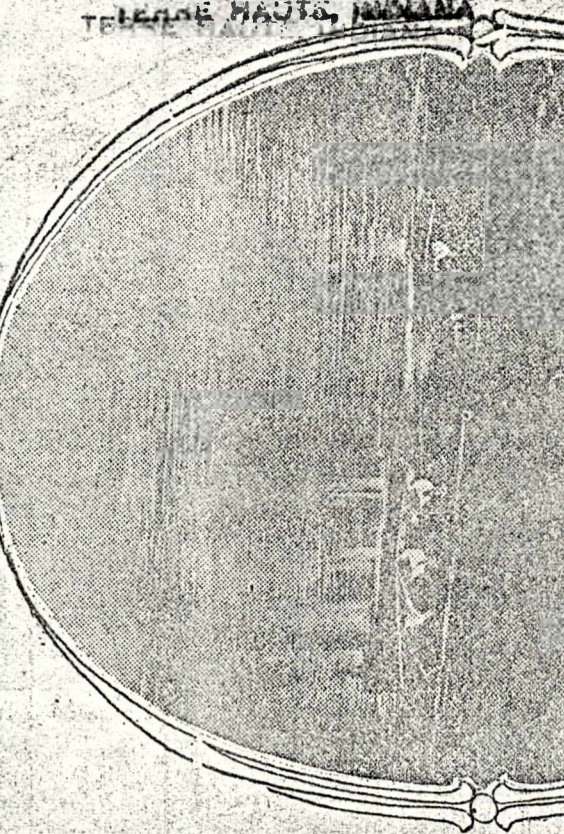
LEAVING STIMULUS FOR A CANTER

Many variety and on long, cross-country rides early in the morning when the grass is still wet with dew and the air fresh and bracing. Dan-ger is forgotten in exhilaration of the woman who is moment and they go galloping up hill by the regular and down, afraid of nothing and in love with the whole world. These are no longer all she gains. Young women tired of the necessities of living and angry with the birds merry-making because dawn has come. With the first ray of the sun they are up and attired, ready for the chase that means good spirits throughout the day.

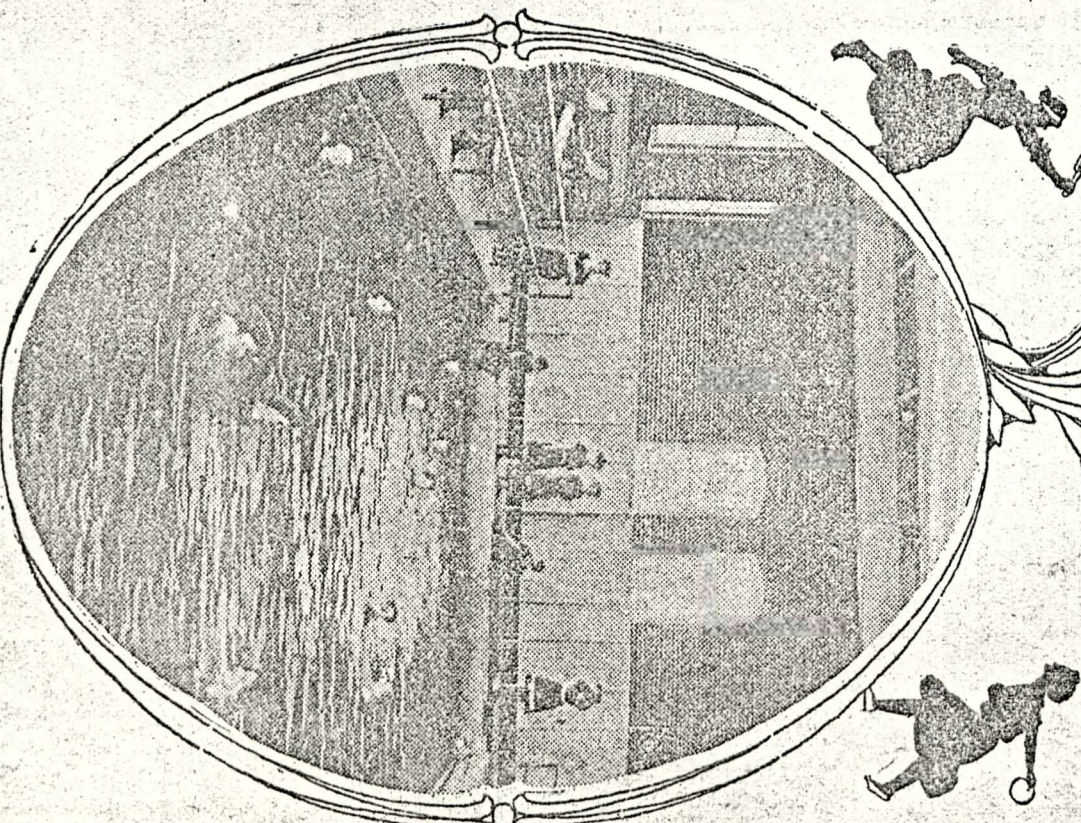
Tennis courts and golf links are almost everywhere for just as large a portion of the year as they can be kept in shape for service. On recreation afternoons an army of young women leave for the hills with their golf clubs. The links are laid on the rolling hills and beautiful valleys, neatly cropped, firm and ideal for a good putt. Studies are forgotten the instant the little white ball goes flying into the air; then follow two hours of the rosiest of rosy cheeks, and at the end an appetite of which the bridge queen and the matinee girl have dreamed, but never realized.

Archery, boating and cross-country walks occupy the remainder of the time. There is music in the arrow as it leaves the tightened string, whisks through the air with aim true as steel and lands with a determined stab in the very heart of the target. The quiet shadows on the lake invite rest and meditation, while its wooded banks are full of surprises for the investigating canoe.

When winter forbids outdoor sports the young women turn to the gymnasium, and on the vaulting horses, parallel bars and flying rings continue their dipping into the strenuous life. The gymnasium contains a long, running track that sees service for more vigorous exercises than a hop, skip and jump. Gymnasium work is continuous throughout the winter and is supplemented at times by demonstrations of dances, mass apparatus work and exhibitions of swimming and diving.



ALL THE GIRLS LEARN TO SWIM



THE SWIMMING TANK IS POPULAR

This indenture made this ninth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, between Celestine Guyenner de la Hailandier, Bishop of Vincennes, of Knox County in the State of Indiana, party of the first part, and the following Sisters of Providence, towit: Anne Theresa Guerin (otherwise called Sister Theodora), Victoria Gage, (Sister Vincent Ferrier), Josephine Seneschal (Sister Basilda) Grima Lefer de la Motte (sister Frances Xavier), Thirise Boyer (Klempida), Louisa Sirecin (Sister Mary Lignow), Francoise Leise (Sister Mary Xavier), Jane Dequinte (Sister Agnes) Josephine Pardiellan (Sister Mary Joseph), Eleanor Bailly (Sister Mary Cecilia), Mary Ann Graham (Sister Augustine), Sophia Kennedy (Sister Mary Celestia), Ann Moore (Sister Gabriella), Augusta Luick (Sister Mary Magdalen), Welbruga Eisen (Sister Theresa), Christine Walter (Sister Ann), and Margaret Gurthueck (Sister Martha) of the State of Indiana, parties of the second part, Witnesseth that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the trusts and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and for divers other good and valuable considerations, him thereunto moving hath given, granted, bargained and sold, aliened and transferred unto the said parties of the second part and the survivor and survivors of them and the heirs and assigns of such survivors the following described real estate towit (except as herein reserved) situated in the Co. of Vigo and State of Indiana;

1st A certain parcel of land commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of section number one, Town 12 North, Range 10 West, thence East five chains 65 links, thence South 19 degrees, west 6 chains, thence South 5 degrees, 30 minutes; East 2 chains 6 links, thence South 8 degrees 30 minutes, West 6 chains 65 links to a Beech tree 12 inches in diameter, thence South 67 degrees, West 1 chain 84 links, thence South 30 degrees, West 2 chains 14 links to Section line, thence North 75 degrees, West 14 chains 50 links to a little branch, thence North 36 degrees, East 5 chains 70 links, thence North 14 degrees, East 7 chains 60 links, thence North 18 degrees 15 minutes, East 6 chains 22 links, thence East (?) 6 chains 8 links to place of beginning, embracing $27\frac{1}{2}$ acres - $22\frac{1}{4}$ acres being N.E. corner of Section 1 Town 12 Range 10, and $5\frac{1}{4}$ acres in Section 6 Town 12 Range 9, being the same which was conveyed by Joseph Thralls and wife to said party of the first part by deed dated May 16, 1840.

2nd Certain tracts or parcels of land towit: The West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 6 in Town 12 north of Range 9 west in the Vincennes Land District, containing 57 and $78/100$ acres - except $5\frac{1}{4}$ acres off the aforesaid tract already sold to the said Celestine. Also a part of the S.W. quarter of Section 6 in Town 12 north of Range 9 in the N.E. quarter of said quarter section, beginning at a black Walnut blazed on both sides, about six inches in diameter, on the west line, and running 57 rods south to the S.W. corner thence 8 rods and 13 feet east, thence 52 rods north, thence west to the beginning, being 3 acres. Also the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. quarter of Section 1 in said Town 12 north of Range 10 West, containing 80 acres except $22\frac{1}{4}$ acres already sold to said Celestine (being the same above described) and $19\frac{1}{2}$ and $3/4$ acres sold to Jacob Thralls commencing at the N.W. quarter of the aforesaid tract thence South 20 chains 80 links, thence North 60 degrees, thence East 7 chains and 10 links, thence North 36 degrees East 5 chains 70 links, thence North 14 degrees East 7 chains 60 links thence North 18 degrees 15 minutes, East 6 chains 22 links, thence West 13 chains 10 links to the place of beginning, being the same which was conveyed by said Thralls and wife to said party of the first part by deed November 10, 1840, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand of the said parties made a part of this deed. Excepting however and reserving to the said party of the first part, the following portion of said land above described. Described according to the said plat as follows, towit: commencing at A, thence in a straight line to B, thence to C, thence to D, thence on a line with the North boundary of the Grave Yard to E, thence to F, thence to G, thence to H, thence to I, thence to J, thence to K, thence to L, thence to M, thence to N, and thence in a straight line to A the place of beginning; being the ground and appurtenances embraced within said bounds and embracing the S.W. corner of the above described lands and particularly the church, graveyard and parsonage. To have and to hold the premises above granted and not reserved unto the said parties of the second part and the survivors and survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of such survivors to their own proper use and behoof forever.

In trust nevertheless to such uses upon such trusts, and to and for such intents and purposes, and upon such conditions as are hereinafter mentioned, expressed or declared of and concerning the same. That is to say in trust to the use of all present and future Sisters of Providence, so long as they may respectively be in good standing in trust to enable them to continue and sustain their Novitiate, and a calling of Saint Mary's of the Woods, now in operation on said premises and also to sustain such other of their Schools as may be established also here in the State of Indiana, without power to alienate said property from the purposes of said trusts and for the use of the said institution without the said party of the first part his heirs or assigns joining in said alienation, but with such concurrence, it is especially declared and reserved that such alienation may be made. The said conveyance is made also upon condition that the said parties of the second part shall maintain in good order and repair the premises and the buildings erected or to be erected thereon, also that no buildings shall be erected, enlarged, altered or demolished in whole or in part without the approbation of the said party of the first part his heirs or assigns, and that also in the management of the establishment and affairs, they shall persue these conditions and upon breach or failure of any said conditions or trusts said land is reversible to the said party of the first part his heirs or assigns, and he, his heirs and assigns may resume possession thereof and APORRENTRY shall be invested with said fee as fully and effectually as if this deed had never been made.

In witness whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto affixed his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

G.W.Rathbone

B.M.Thomas

C.De la Halilandiere

Wab. Enq. July 22, 1840 - St. Joseph's to be dedicated Sunday next.

V.D.R. June 23, 1846 Lot # 9 to S.P.L. for \$600.00

V.D.R. Sept. 16, 1831 Lots 9 & 10 Gilbert to Trustees for \$700.00.

V.D.R. May 26, 1836 Lot D to Farrington who transferred his right to buy to
Andr. Armstrong.

V.D.R. Nov. 1, 1836 Commir ? to Scott and Tasson # 10 - \$350.00.

V.D.R. Jan. 12, 1837 Lot # 10 to Brute for \$500.00.

V.D.R. Apr. 26, 1847 Lot 9 to daughters by will.

V.D.R. Jan. 3, 1868 Lot 24 in 16 - 12 - 9 - City to M. de St. P. for 612.50
for cemetery.

V.D.R. Apr. 22, 1872 Griswold to S. of P. for \$25,000 Sub. # 2 in O.L.
62 - 63 - pt. of 64.

V.D.R. July 29, 1874 M.M.H. to S. Sup. Anastasie for \$1,200.00 Lots 8 & 10
in Blk 1 of McG & R.

V.D.R. Jan. 18, 1877 K.M. & L. to S.S. Mary Ephrem for \$12,000.00 Lot 9.

V.D.R. Feb. 3, 1877 S. Ephrem corrected deed of S. Anastasie 4/30/72 to K.K. & K.
for \$10,000.00

T.H. Journal Aug. 5, 1853 3 pp. B.M. Thomas of Vincennes

Wab. Courier Aug. 5, 1853 1 3/4 Cols 4 pp. by B.M.T. and list of premiums at
Commencement.

V.D.R. 7/160 Thralls to Brute \$15.00 May 26, 1838

8/228 27 1/2 A " to De la H. \$223.62 1/2 May 16, 1840

8/453 90.53 A " " " " \$1,600.00 Nov. 12, 1840

11/83 De la H. to S. of P. 000 July 9, 1846

12/507 Bazin to S. of P. 1.00 Same as above Apr. 19, 1848.

S.P.L. d. May 25, Stone says June 9.

Mar. 12, 1857 Auditor of Vigo to M de St.P for Lot 36 in 16 - 12 - 9

V.D.R. June 13, 1874 Pius Kotterer for 100.00 the undiv. 1/3 of Lot 9 to
Joseph Lesen subject to Mtge given by B. Keller, John Kroeger & P.K.
for \$9,000.00 to S. of P.

V.D.R. Jan. 18, 1877 Bonaventure Keller of Oneida Co., N.Y. Francis Neubauer
of Albany, N.Y. & Joseph M. Lesen of Vigo Co. to S. of P. Lot # 9
for \$12,000.00

V.D.R. ~~xxxxxx~~ M de St. P. to S. of P. for \$600.00 Dec. 22, 1866 pt. 1 - 12 - 10
being the burial ground reserved 4/18/48

V.D.R. Dec. 1, 1873 John Kroeger of Trenton, N.J. to Francis Neubauer of
Albany, N.Y. for \$100.00 undiv 1/3 of building and lot at N.W. Cor.
4th and Walnut known as St. Bonaventure's Lyceum. Subj't to Mtge.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods

First Land - Jos. Thralls & Wife Sarah to Celestine R.L. Guynemere de la Hailandiere for \$223.62½ - May 16, 1840 Deed Rec. 8, p. 228.

Second Land - Same to same for \$1,800.00 Nov. 12, 1840 Deed Rec. 8 p. 453

These from C.R.L.G. de la H. to Sisters of Providence for \$1.00 & certain other considerations July 9, 1846 Deed Rec. 11, p. 83. Sisters named:

Anne Therese Guerin - S. Theodora	Ann Moore - S. Gabriella
Victoria Gage - S. Vincent	Augusta Linck - S. Mary Magdalen
Josephine Seneschal - S. Basilide	Walburga Eisen - S. Catherine
Irma Le Fer de la Motte - S. Frances Xavier	Catherine Guthneck - S. Theresa
Jane Dequinte - S. Agnes	Catherine Walter - S. Ann
Josephine Pardeillan - S. Mary Joseph	Margaret Guthneck - S. Martha
Eleanor Bailley - S. Mary Cecilia	Therese Boyer - S. Olympiade
Mary Ann Graham - S. Augustine	Frances Leres - S. Mary Xavier
Sophie Kennedy - S. Mary Celestia	Louisa Tiercin - S. Mary Ligouri.

These again from John Staphen Bazin & Sisters named - to corporation "Sisters of Providence" for \$1.00 & other consid'n Apr. 18, 1848 D Rec. Dec. 12 507
First Arrivals Oct. 22, 1840. May 16, 1840

Deed Record No. 8, Page 228. \$223.62½ Joseph and Sarah Thralls to Celestine R.L. Guynemere de la Hailandiere.

Commencing at the N.E. Corner of S.E. quarter of Section One, T. 12, R. 10
East 5 chains 65 links
South 19 degrees west, 6 chains
South 5 degrees, 30 minutes East, 2 ch. 6 l,
South 7 deg. 30 min. West, 6 ch. 65 l. to a Beech tree 12 inches in diameter,
South 67 deg. West 1 ch. 84 l
South 30 deg. West, 2 ch. 14 l to Section line,
North 75 deg. West 14 ch. 50 l to little branch,
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North 56 deg. East, 5 ch. 70 l.
North 14 deg. East, 7 ch. 60 l.
North 18 deg. 15 min. East 6 ch. 22 l.
East 6 ch. 84 l to place of beginning.
27½ acres - 22¼ in Sec. One, T. 12, R 10, 5 (¾ in Sec. Six, T. 12, R. 9.,

D. Rec. 8/453

Nov. 12, 1840 Joseph and Sarah Thralls to Celestine R.L. Guynemer de la Hailandiere of Knox Co. for \$1,800.00 1st West ½ of SW qr Sec. 6 - 12 - 9 containing 57.78 acres except 5½ acres already sold. 2nd Part of SW ¼ in 6 - 12 - 9, beginning at a black walnut blazed in both sides about 6" in diameter on the West line and running 57 rods south to the SW Cor. thence 8 rods 13 ft. east, thence 52 rods north, thence West to the beginning 3 acres. 3d. E½ of SE qr. of 1 - 12 - 10 - containing 80 acres except 22¼ acres already sold and 19 ¾ acres sold to Jacob Thralls commencing at NW qr. of aforesaid tract thence South 21 (21 in ? #8 Rec.) chains, 8 links then north 60 degrees, East, 7 inches and 10 links, thence North 36 degrees, East 5 chains 70 links, thence North 14 degrees, East 7 chains 60 links, thence North 18 deg. 15 min. East 6 chains 22 links, thence West 13 chains 10 links to place of beginning.

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May 26, 1838. Joseph and Sarah to Simon Gabriel Brute of Knox Co. \$15.00.
Pt. of east half of SE qr. 1 - 12 - 10. Commencing on east line of said half quarter at a point abt. 80 rods north of the SE Cor. thereof & running west 24 rods north 12 rods to a beech tree about 2 ft. in diameter. Thence east to the east line of sd. half qr. south along sd. east line 12 rods to place of beginning being the piece laid off, marked and designated for the use of a Catholic Church whereon is now a church building erected.

July 9, 1846 Celestin Guynemer de la Hailandier Bishop of Vincennes transferred to the following Sisters of Providence:

Anne Therese Guerin (S. Theodora)	Eleanor Bailly (S. Mary Cecilia)
Victoria Gage (S. Vincent Ferrier)	Mary Ann Graham (S. Augustine)
Josephine Seneschal (S. Basilida)	Sophie Kennedy (S. Mary Celestia)
Irma Le Fer de la Motte (S. Frances Xavier)	Ann Moore (S. Gabriella)
Therese Boyer (S. Olympiade - Olympiade)	Augusta Linck (S. Mary Magdalen)
Louisa Tiercin (S. Mary Ligouri)	Walburga Eisen (S. Catherine)
Francoise Leise (S. Mary Xavier)	Catharina Guthneck (S. Theresa)
Jane Dequinte (S. Agnes)	Christine Walter (S. Ann)
Josephine Pardeillan (S. Mary Joseph)	Margaret Guthneck (S. Martha)

1st. a parcel commencing at N.E. Cor. of S.E. qr. 1 - 12 - 10 east 5 ch. 65 l., South 19 deg. W. 6 ch., South 5 deg. 30 min. E. 2 ch. 6 l., South 7 deg. 30 min. W. 6 ch. 65 l. to a beech tree 12" in diam. thence South 67 deg. W 1 ch. 84 l., South 30 deg. W 2 ch. 14 l. to Section line thence North 75 deg. W 14 ch. 50 l. to a little branch thence North 36 deg. E - 5 ch. 70 l thence North 14 deg. E 7 ch. 60 l, thence North 18 deg. 15'min. E 6 ch. 22 l, thence East 6 ch. 84 l to place of beginning. Containing $27\frac{1}{2}$ acres $22\frac{1}{4}$ acres being NE Cor. of Sec. 1 - T - 12 - R - 10 & $5\frac{1}{4}$ A in Sec. 6 - 12 - 9 being the same which was conveyed by Jos. Thralls by deed dated May 16, 1840.

Qnd. $W\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 6 - 12 - 9 - 57 78/100 A except $5\frac{1}{4}$ acres off the aforesaid tract already sold to Celestin. Also part of SW 6 - 12 - 9 beginning at a black walnut blazed on both sides about 6" in diam. on the west line running south 57 rods to SW. Cor. thence 8 rds. 13 ft. east, 52 rods North thence W to beginning, being 3 acres. Also $E\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1 - 12 - 10 containing 80 acres except $22\frac{1}{4}$ A already sold to Celestin and 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres sold to Jacob Thralls commencing at NW quarter? of said tract thence S 20 ch. 80 l, N 60 deg. E 7 ch. 10 l, N 36 deg. E 5 ch. 70 l, N 14 deg. E - 7 ch. 60 l, N 18 deg. 15 min. E 6 ch. ~~22 l~~ 22 l thence W 13 ch. 10 l to beginning, being tract conveyed by Thralls to Celestin deed dated Nov. 10, 1840.

Excepting tract described on a plat being the church, graveyard and parsonage.

April 18, 1848. Rt. Rev. John Stephen Basin Bishop to Sisters of Prov.
(apparently some property)

Oct. 15, 1857 Michael Ruxford of Hamilton, Ohio conveyed to S. of Prov.
for \$607.80 SE of SE 6 - 12 - 9.

Nov. 12, 1868 Lewis and Susan Alvey sold Sisters of P part of S.E. 1 - 12 - 10.

June 8, 1869 C. Rose conveyed Block 5 in Tuell, Ushers Sub. of 15 - 12 - 9 as a donation to Sisters of Providence under an act to establish the ???? of St. Mary's. Corrected deed given Mar. 20, 1871 acknowledging \$5.00 payment.

April 18, 1848 Rt. Rev. John Stephen Basin Bishop of Vincennes & Sisters of Providence: (Anne Therese Guerin, d. May 14, 1856 (S. Theodora), Victoria Gago, d. July 1, 1874 (S. Vincent Ferrier), Josephine Seneschal, d. Oct. 13, 1879 (S. Basilda), Irma Lefer de la Motte, d. Jan. 31, 1856 (S. Frances Xavier), Jane Dequinte (S. Agnes), Josephine Pardeillan (S. Mary Joseph), Eleanor Bailly, d. Aug. 2, 1898 (S. Mary Cecilia), Mary Ann Graham (S. Augustine), Sophia Kennedy, d. May 16, 1879 (S. Mary Celestia), Ann Moore (S. Gabriella), Augusta Linck (S. Mary Magdalen), Welburga Eisen (S. Catherina), Catherina Guthneck, d. Oct. 3, 1901 (S. Theresa), Christina Walter, d. Feb. 7, 1887 (S. Ann), Margaret Guthneck, d. June 1, 1895 (S. Martha), Therese Boyer, d. Jan. 22, 1895 (S. Olympiade), Francoise Lerie, d. Feb. 8, 1897 (S. Mary Xavier) with the corporation "Sisters of Providence of St. Mary's of the Woods" \$1.00. Commencing NE Cor. SE 1 - 12 - 10 E 5 ch. 65 l S 19 deg. W 6 ch. S 5 deg. 30 min. E 2 ch. 6 l S 7 deg. 30 min. W 6 ch. 65 l to beech - S 67 deg. W 1 ch 84 l S 30 deg. W 2 ch. 14 l to Section line - N 75 deg. W 14 ch. 50 l to branch - N 36 deg E ⁵ ch. 70 l - N 14 deg. E 7 ch. 60 l - N 18 deg. 15 min. E 6 ch 22 l E 6 ch 84 l to place of beginning. $27\frac{1}{2}$ acres - $22\frac{1}{4}$ is NE Cor 1 - 12 - 10 & $5\frac{1}{4}$ A in 6 - 12 - 9 being Jos. T & W to Celestine H 5/16/40. Qnd $W\frac{1}{2}$ SW 6 - 12 - 9 57.78 A except $5\frac{1}{4}$ A above Also part of SW 6 - 12 - 9 in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sd. Qr. beginning at walnut running 57 rods S to SW Cor thence 8 rods 13 ft. E thence 52 rods N - W to beginning - 3 A.

Also E SE 1 - 12 - 10 - 80 A except $22\frac{1}{4}$ previously sold to Celestin & 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres to Jacob T. Comm. NW of aforesaid S 21 ch 80 l N 60 deg E 7 ch 10 l N 36 deg. E 5 ch 70 l - N 14 deg. E 7 ch 60 l - N 18 deg 15 min E 6 ch 22 l - W 13 ch 10 l to place of beginning being same for Jos. & W to Celestine
Nov. 12, '40

Notary's attest Knox Co. April 18, 1848 Bishop, Sister Theodore, Mary Joseph, M. Cecilia, M. Augustine, Gabriella.

Notary's attest at Vigo Co. St. Vincent, Basilide, Francis Xavier, Olympiade, Marie Xavier, Marie Celeste, Catherine, Agnes, Theresa, Ann, Mary Magdalene, Martha. Aug. 17, '48. Recorded Aug. 25, 1848.

7/160 - Thralls to Brute \$15.00, May 26, 1838.

8/228 - " to Hailandiere \$223.62 $\frac{1}{2}$, May 16, 1840, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

8/453 - " to " \$1800.00, Nov. 12, 1840, 90.53 acres.

11/83 - Hailandiere to Sisters of P., none, July 9, 1846 (conditions on sep. sheet)
same as two preceding with Brute purchase excepted.

12/507 - Bazin to Sisters of P., \$1.00, Apr. 18, 1848, all of the above
except the Brute purchase.

Michael Tuiford to Sisters of P., \$607.80, Oct. 15, 1857, SE of SE 6-12-9

Alvey to Sisters, Nov. 12, 1868 Pt. SE in 1-12-10.

C. Rose to Sisters, None, June 12, 1869, Block 5 in Ushers 15-12-9.

C. Rose to Sisters, \$5.00, March 20, 1871, Same as above.

Barker and Alvey to Sisters, June 20, 1871, Pt. of 1-12-10 on Parid Road.

W.D. Griswold to Sisters \$25,000, Apr. 22, 1872, Sub. 2 of O.L. 62-63
and pt. of 64 O.T.

Marvin M. Hickcox to Sister Sup. Genl (Anastasia Jane Brown), 1200,
July 29, 1874, 8 & 10 in Blk 1 McGaughy & Roach's.

Bonaventure Keller et al. to Sisters \$12,000, Jan. 18, 1877 Lot 9, T.H.

St. Palais to Brile, \$6.00 Mar. 27, 1860 in NW 36-12-9 (Corrected)

St. Palais to Sisters \$6.00, Dec. 22, 1866, Reserve for deed of Apr 18, 1848.

P. Kotterer to J. Lesen, \$1.00, June 13, 1874, Undiv. 1/3 of Lot 9

J. Kroeger to Newbauer, \$1.00, Dec. 1, 1873, Undiv. 1/3 of Lot 9.
being premises to Kroeger,

Sister Mary Ephrem to K.K. & K. Feb. 3, 1877 Keller & Kotterer by S.
Correcting a deed made Anastasia May 1, 1872.

Sister Anastasia to K.K. & K., \$10,000, Apr. 30, 1872, Lot 9 T.H.

Conditions of Hailandiere: to the use of all present and future Sisters of
"rovidence so long as they may respectively be in good standing in trust to
enable them to continue and maintain their novitiate and a College of St.
Mary's of the Woods now in operation on said premises and also to sustain such
others of their schools as may be established ~~here~~ also here in the State of
Indiana without power to alienate said property from the purposes of said
trusts and for the use of said instruction without the said party of the
first part, his heirs or assigns joining in said alienation but with such
concurrence it is especially declared and reserved that such alienation may
be made. The said conveyance is made also upon condition that the said parties
of the second part shall maintain in good order and repair the premises and
the buildings erected or to be erected thereon. Also that no building shall
be erected, enlarged, altered or demolished in ~~whole~~ whole or in part without
the approbation of the said party of the first part, his heirs or assigns
and also that in the management of the establishment and affairs they shall
pursue these conditions, and upon breach or failure of any said conditions
or trusts said land is reversible to the said party of the first part, his
heirs and assigns and he or his heirs and assigns may resume possession
thereof and aporrentry (?) shall be revested with said fee as fully and
effectively as if this deed had never been made.

June 20, 1871 - Barker and Alvey sold Sisters of Providence part of 1-12-10 on Paris Road.

April 22, 1872 - William D. Griswold and Maria L (wife) sold to Sisters of Prov. for \$25,000.00 Subdivision # 2 known on the Recorded plat of the subdiv's of Outlots # 62-63 and part of 64 of the Original survey of the in and out lots of the Town of T.H.

July 29, 1874 - Marvin M. Hickcox sold Sister Anastasia Jane Brown, Superior General for \$1,200.00 lots 8 & 10 in Block one of the McGaughey & Roach's Sub. of 56 acres - middle part north and south of the SW 15-12-9.

Jan. 18, 1877 - Bonaventure Keller, of Oneida Co. N.Y., Francis Neubauer of Albany, N.Y. and Joseph M. Lesen of Vago Co. sold to Margaret Glen (Sister Mary Ephrem) Superior General of St. Mary's for Sisters of Providence, for \$12,000.00 Lot # 9 T. of T.H.

Feb. 3, 1877 Sister Ephrem corrected a deed for Lot # 9 made by Sister Anastasia to Keller, Kotterer and Kroeger Apr. 30, 1872 for \$10,000.00.

Mar 27, 1860 M. de St. P. sold to Charles B. Brile for \$600.00 lots #28-#29 and 1/5 off of west side of #27 of the Wallace farm a partitioned and platted at Oct. term of Com. Pleas Court 1857 being in NW 36-12-19.

Feb. 7, 1866 - M. de St. P. sold Virgil A. Sparks lot #70 (except one acre) in 16-12-9.

~~February 1866~~

Dec. 22, 1866 - M. de St. P. sold to Sister M. Cecilia, Mother Sup. of St. M. for \$600.00 part of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE 1-12-10 being the burial ground and church lot reserved in deed of April 18, 1848.

Jan. 3, 1868 - The City of Terre Haute by Grafton F. Cookerly Mayor for \$612.50 sold to M. de St. P Lot #24 in 16-12-9 containing 3.1 acres situate in NW Cor. of the cemetery grounds of said city, the same to be used for the internment of the dead.

Deed to Maurice de St. Palais
for lot # 36 in Sec. 16 T 12 N 9 W

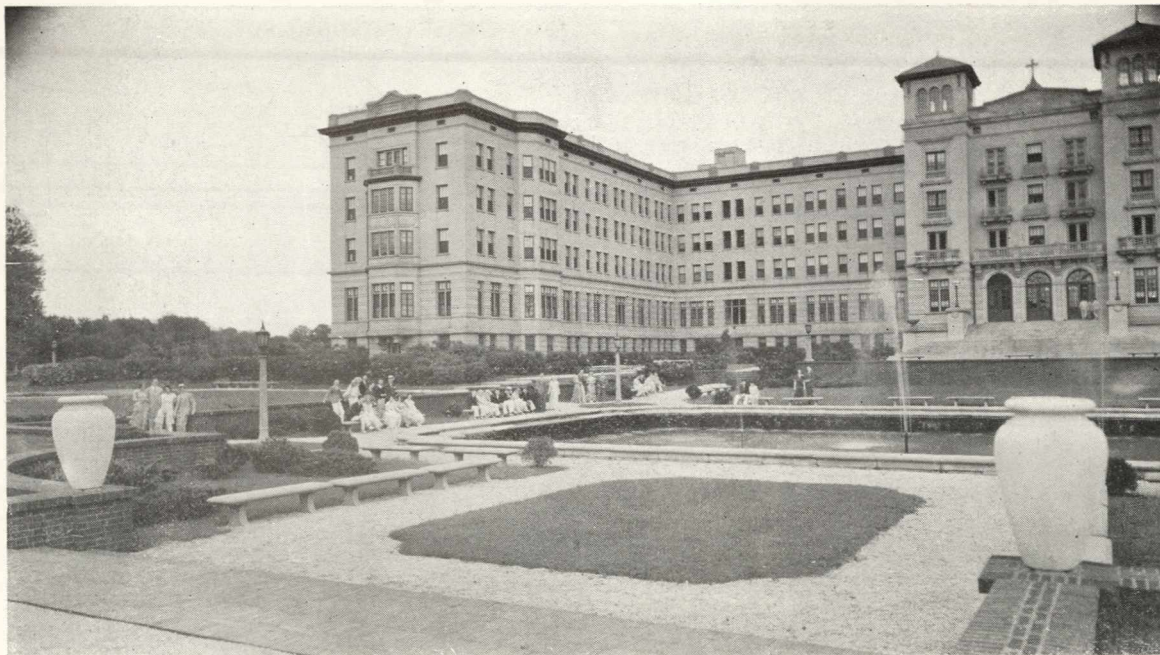
Whereas Maurice de St. Palais has filed with me on the 6th day of March 1852 the certificate of purchase for ~~lot~~ # 36 in 16 - 12 - 9 of which he is the legal holder and has also filed the receipt of the Treasurer of Vigo County, Ind. for forty eight Dollars, being the balance of purchase money due on said lot and for five 61/100 Dollars in full of the interest thereon.

Now know ye, that I, Albert Lange, Auditor of the County of Vigo aforesaid, for and in the name of the inhabitants of Congressional Township number twelve North Range number nine West, in said County of Vigo, do give and grant the aforesaid lot of land to the said Maurice de St. Palais, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Witness my hand and seal at Terre Haut , Indiana, this 12 day of March A.D. 1857

Albert Lange

Auditor Vigo Co. Ind.



Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods

Indiana's Oldest Woman's College

The early history of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is so closely linked with the life of its foundress, Mother Theodore Guerin, that if the stories were written separately, there would be little difference in content. While it is true that there was a Saint Mary-of-the-Woods settlement in the wooded hills four miles northwest of Terre Haute before she came and that the conception of a school to serve this community did not spring from the brain of Mother Theodore, the noble woman did not swerve from her course, after accepting her charge. The magnificent educational plant of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College today, with its influence spreading through the nation and even to other continents, is not a monument of lavish endowments of wealthy patrons but an emblem of victory, of patience, and faith over seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is built from the perseverance, courage, heartaches and trials of the foundress and her aides who first arrived on the site October 22, 1840, and who so successfully endeavored to live up to that simple rule of life, namely: "Giving your best efforts every day toward an appointed task."

Mother Theodore was born October 2, 1798 at Etalles (Cotes-du-Nord) France. Her parents were Laurent Guerin and Isabelle Leferre. Her mother's people were avowed Royalists while her father's were confirmed Napoleonites. She was a buoyant, capable and studious child, a natural leader of her playmates, deeply religious and interested in the service of the Catholic Church. Early in life she entered the convent of the Sisters of Providence at Ruille-sur-Loir, France.

While they have played important parts, as have all Catholic nuns when called to serve the sick and perform kindred duties, the Sisters of Providence are primarily teachers. Bishop Brute, through his chancellor, later his successor Bishop de la Hailandiere, appealed to the Sisters of Providence at Ruille-sur-Loir for aid. Sister Theodore and five others were assigned the task of founding a school in Indiana. The ability of Mother Theodore as a teacher even then was recognized as she had received a Medallion decoration from the French Academy. The others were also gifted in their various lines. The five Sisters, with Mother Theodore at their head, embarked for America in the summer of 1840. After a rough crossing on the sailing ship "Cincinnati" the little band had their first sight of America about the middle of September. A few days later, they set out on the picturesque but dangerous overland trip to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The journey was made in relays by nearly every kind of transportation then known. Eventually, the Sisters of Providence reached the Wabash River at Terre Haute at ten o'clock the morning of October 22, only to be delayed five hours while they waited their turn at the ferry. After crossing the river, they were met by Father Buteux, the first priest of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who accompanied them up the west bank of the river and through the flooded area to a series of wooded hills. When advised by Father Buteux that they had reached their destination, the Sisters alighted from the stage in the middle of a dense forest. Crossing a ravine, they were able to make out a log house looming through the dusk. Father Buteux informed the Sisters that one room and a garret was their future home and that four postulants were there and had been awaiting them for the past five days.

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1935- ST. JOSEPH'S LEAGUE STATE CONVENTION

History of Good Will Council No. 277 - - Young Men's Institute

Back in 1895 a group of young and middle aged men gathered together for the purpose of considering the organization of a Council of the Young Men's Institute, which had been originated in California in 1883. The result was the institution of Good Will Council No. 277 on August 15th, 1895, with a charter list composed of C. S. Cronin, T. W. Byrne, D. J. O'Connell, Dennis Shughrue, James T. O'Connell, J. W. Johnson, J. J. McCabe, John Welch, John Quinlan, Daniel Ronan, James Mugavan, Frank Kluck, Louis Antlitner, Michael O'Dowd, Jas. M. Carlos, W. C. Thompson, William Thompson, T. B. Boland, Frank Conrath, Jno. W. Gerdink, J. A. McCabe, J. R. Piffer, John Shea with the establishment of a meeting place at 11th and Wabash Ave. John W. Gerdink was the first president of the new organization. The influx of members was very good and within a couple of years it was necessary to move to larger quarters, these being secured in the McKeen Bank building at 6th and Wabash Ave. where commodious club rooms were established. In 1916 the Council bought the Brinkman property at 8th and Eagle streets, adding to it a large auditorium, bowling alleys and recreational rooms, the property being placed under the management of a holding organization known as the Y. M. I. Home Association. Late in 1929 the club house was sold to Kerman Grotto and the club rooms of the Y. M. I. were moved to the Beach block and later to their present quarters at 28 South 7th street. The present officers of Good Will Council are Martin C. Klug, president, Herman Krackenberger, financial secretary, Norman Koester, recording secretary and Martin C. O'Connell, treasurer. The Y. M. I. Home Association board of directors is composed of Jacob Rassel, president, Eugene L. Gocke, secretary-treasurer and Frank Striley, John Canty, William Schoemehl, George Scheidel, Jr., Herbert Roetker, Martin C. O'Connell, Martin C. Klug and Albert A. Dicks.

St.-Mary's-of-the-Woods

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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods officially began with the taking possession of the one room which was to serve as dormitory, refectory and recreation room, as well as an infirmary for ten people. Expansion of the school at that time was impossible and it became the first duty of these Sisters to erect an academy building in which to house themselves and their future students. Bishop de la Hailandiere, who had succeeded Bishop Brute, had laid the foundation of a small structure. Workmen were procured and the building progressed through the winter months. Meanwhile the Sisters were busy with their own numerous duties. Among them was the training of the four postulants— teaching them French, and in turn being taught English by them. The school was first opened to students in July, 1841, but the inauguration of the school did not end its troubles. The congregation was in poor circumstances and the Sisters were hard pressed to maintain their school and home. Mother Theodore, ever resourceful and courageous, decided to return to France and make a personal appeal for alms to carry on her mission. When Mother Theodore returned to Indiana she set about the development of the school. She counseled with the learned educators of the day, concerning the curriculum and teaching methods and, as a result, the state legislature granted Saint Mary-of-the-Woods a perpetual and irrevocable charter as an institution of higher education. Even then, the growth of the school was slow on account of its location (roads were not then what they are now) but the opening of the railway from Terre Haute to Paris (Illinois) in 1854 brought Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in much closer contact with the outside world.

In spite of ill health, Mother Theodore continued to be the guiding influence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods until her death, May 14, 1856. That she laid the foundation of the school thoroughly and well is proved by the fact that its educational system today is basically the same as in her time.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is the Motherhouse for the congregation of the Sisters of Providence, directing numerous grade schools and secondary schools throughout the United States and even in China. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College today, with its well-frained faculty; its eleven hundred acres of remarkably well-cared-for estate; its score of beautiful buildings so modern and thoroughly equipped, warrants the statement that it is a school of highest rank of its kind in the United States and, because of this, its student body is drawn from the entire world.

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1935- ST. JOSEPH'S LEAGUE STATE CONVENTION

Preface

This distinctive Souvenir Book is dedicated to the State Convention of the St. Joseph's State League and the Indiana Catholic Women's League, N.C.W.U. and contains views of the Catholic Churches in Terre Haute, West Terre Haute, village of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, the college at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Gibault Home and St. Anthony's Hospital. A synopsical history of these Churches and institutions accompanies the pictures.

The St. Francis Society deems it a pleasure and privilege in being honored as host for this joint convention and the society committees, our spiritual advisor, Rev. Father Anthony Hodapp, and the members have exerted their sincere efforts to make the visit of the delegates, visiting clergy and friends a memorable event. We hope that the blessings of our Heavenly Father will be bestowed upon the business before us and on the participants in this Souvenir Book, with a further ambition that the presence of the visiting societies, clergy and friends will be beneficial in advancing the program of Catholic Action in our community and the Catholic Church, generally.

The St. Francis Society of St. Benedict's Parish wishes to take this opportunity of expressing its gratitude and sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation manifested by the business public, the clergy, the press, the various congregations, public officials and citizens in assistance rendered in making this Souvenir Book a real memento of this convention period. We have endeavored to warrant the confidence, placed in us, by producing a publication that will find a prominent place in some 2,200 homes in this community, to act as a Catholic Church and institutional reference, for many years to come.

We are very thankful for the generosity expressed by the advertisers and those private individuals who have contributed and made possible the production of this beautiful book. The least that can be done is to patronize those whose advertisements appear herein and we solicit, for them, your every consideration.

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*The
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
Library*



Blessed and Dedicated on October 22, 1965



Saint Mary-of-the-Woods - - symbolically represented on the facade of the Library. From the roots of the past, transplanted from France to the Indiana woodland in 1840, through the inspiration, protection and intercession of Our Lady, have flowered forth the leaves of achievements and promise of efforts and accomplishments to come.

The emblem was used throughout the campaign for funds for the Library and will continue to represent Saint Mary-of-the Woods in the future. The facade carving is the work of Adolph Woller. Limestone for the building is from Tucker Stone Quarry, Fairland, Indiana.

The Library Blessing and Dedication on October 22, 1965, marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and the Sisters of Providence. Administrators at the time of construction and dedication include Mother Rose Angela, S.P., chairman of the College board of directors; Sister Marie Perpetua, S.P., president; Sister Mary Joseph, S.P., vice president and director of development; and Sister Camilla, S.P., librarian.

The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Library

The earliest record of the Library at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is noted tersely in the Annals of the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. An entry for September 30, 1853, reads simply, "Our Library is set up today." Another for December 20 of that year says, "Our Library is finished today."

The brief entries do not even hint of changes to take place at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and in its Library in the eventful years to follow. The 125 years since the founding of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods by Mother Theodore Guerin and her companions on October 22, 1840, have indeed brought many changes.

Where the original Library was "set up" is not known. Many volumes in the Rare Book Room, however, attest to the fact that there were many books at Saint Mary's before the Library was established.

Books were rare on the Indiana frontier in those early days, and highly prized. The LeFer family sent many treas-

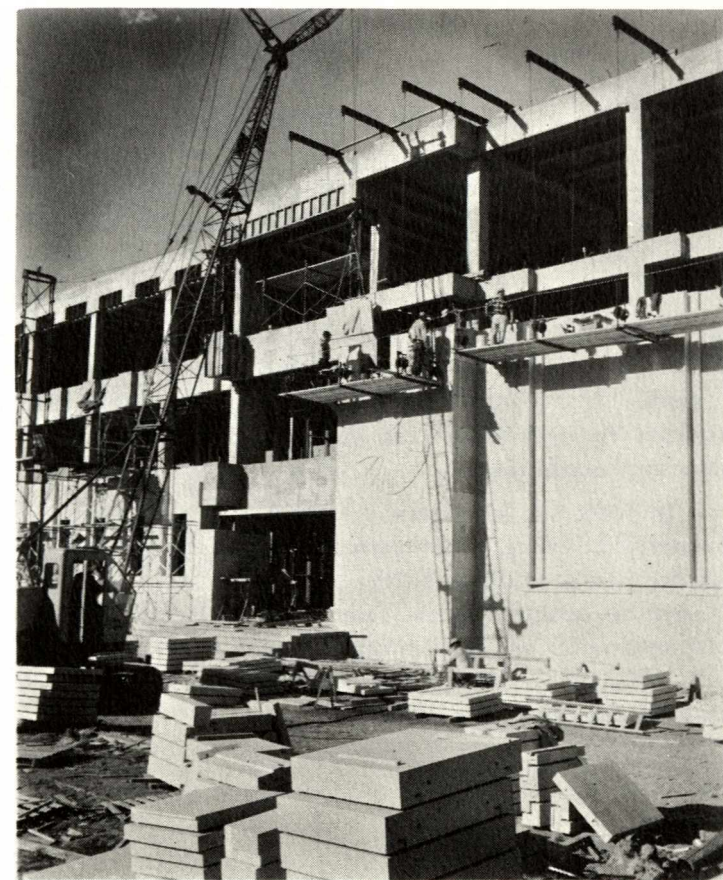
ured volumes to the Sisters from France. Frequently, missionary bishops and priests stopped at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in order to break long horseback journeys to their mission posts. Autographs in books presented by such guests, and since preserved, form an almost complete roll call of the early ecclesiastics.

When the Academy was built here in 1861, provision was made for a Library. Cases were kept locked, we find in Campus records, and a reading hour was scheduled once a week. A two-cent postage stamp was collected from students for any books not covered while in use, or for blots and markings.

In 1898 the four-story front portion was added to the Academy building, since named Foley Hall in memory of Mother Mary Cleophas Foley, and the Library was moved to spacious quarters on the second floor. A Bulletin of that year mentions that the Library occupied a story and a half, "... arranged with a view to making it the most attractive room in the new building."



Snow was still on the ground when work began in 1963, but before long the building took shape.



When Guerin Hall was opened in 1913 a College branch was established there. After the Academy was transferred to Ladywood in Indianapolis in 1930, the two Libraries were combined and moved to the first floor of Foley. Before long the Library expanded into many rooms on two floors of Foley, and was still crowded. Plans, but not yet on paper, were begun for a large, modern new Library.

On November 17, 1961, Mr. August Bohlen and Mr. Mel Meyer of Bohlen & Burns, architects from Indianapolis, met with a committee with plans for the new building. Their ideas were presented to the Board of Lay Trustees and others interested in the project. Soon after, Reverend Mother Rose Angela suggested that a ceremonial ground-breaking be held at Commencement time, 1962. It took place on June 2, Oak Crowning Day for the Class of 1962. The graduates, with their parents, relatives and friends, and many alumnae, were present as Monsignor Joseph G. Kempf blessed the site and he and Reverend Mother Rose Angela broke the ground with a silver shovel.

On February 20, 1963, J. L. Simmons Company began pre-construction work on the site. On October 2, 1963, the cornerstone was blessed by Father John J. Minta and set into place during a simple private ceremony.

The Library was moved from Foley to the new building during the summer of 1964. It opened that Fall but the formal dedication was delayed so the staff could become accustomed to the new facilities and so the College could mark most fittingly the 125th anniversary of the founding of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods — on October 22, 1965.

Even with this large new building, so much in time with our times, few would say of it what was said of the first Library at Saint Mary's — "Our Library is *finished* today." It will continue to grow and change with the years to come.

The Library has been designed to meet the needs of the College community, students and faculty alike, in as attractive and comfortable a manner as possible. Great attention has been given to details of furnishings and decor as well as to the technical layout.

Built of Bedford limestone in contemporary design, it harmonizes well with the older buildings on the campus. Its modular construction provides for great flexibility of

arrangement and for future expansion. Its air conditioning provides temperature and humidity control for the preservation of the holdings and for a pleasant working atmosphere.

The building contains 64,000 sq. ft. of floor space over four floors. Planned book capacity is 250,000 volumes; current holdings total 146,000 volumes. Open reading and study areas will accommodate 425 students at tables, at individual carrels, and in casual areas.

The Main Reference Room, the whole north wing of the main floor.



Statistics, however, do not adequately describe the building nor its contents. Through the cooperation of the administrators of the Sisters of Providence and the College, many fine works of art have been placed in the Library for the College community and its guests to enjoy daily.



St. Bernard's Vision, a sixteenth century painting with an interesting past, is one of many beautiful works of art in the Library.

Built into the building, too, is equipment which has improved vital utilities services in the other College buildings and a shelter area with civil defense emergency supplies.

The cost of the SMW Library has been borne by numerous friends and relatives whose generosity will continue to inspire the campus Community for years to come.

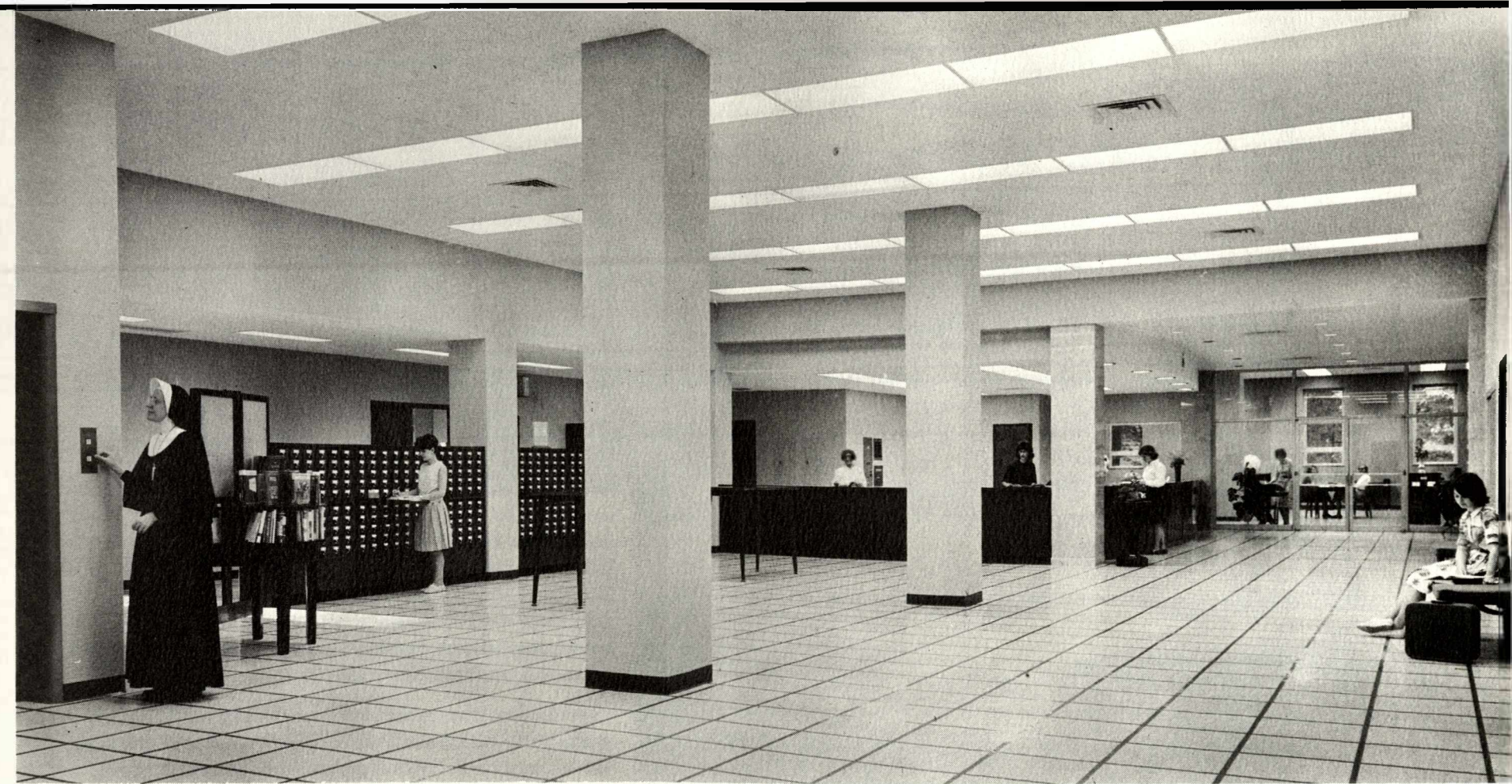
The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Alumnae Association started the financial support of the project some years ago with what was then called The Alumnae Fund. In July, 1962, more concentrated effort was made when the College retained Community Counselling Service to assist in establishing the 125th Anniversary Development Fund. By May, 1964, funds necessary to build and equip the Library had been contributed. Second goal of the same campaign is the proposed Science Hall, for which plans are being completed.

Many persons have been impressed with the fact that the construction of the Library was made possible through private funds, to which the College adds that most gifts were from individuals and moderate in size, reflecting the loyalty of a great number of friends and alumnae.



In the main lobby of the Library is a large plaque of appreciation honoring benefactors. Many others choose individual portions of the building or pieces of equipment as memorials, to which suitable plaques have been affixed. The gratitude of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is reiterated daily in prayer.

Special benefactors to this new building include Mr. I. A. O'Shaughnessy, who donated the Rare Book Room; Mary Fendrich Hulman, the Indiana Room; the O'Neill Foundation of Cleveland, the Faculty Lounge; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brennan, Jr., the Daisy Room; the Frank J. Lewis Foundation, the Current Periodical Room; Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Scott, the Fiction Area; the SMW Alumnae Association, the Audio-Visual Room; the McMahon and Bullington families, the President's Conference Room; Marie Murphy Carney, the Archives Room; and the Keeley family, the Librarian's Office. The Faculty Reading Room is in



The Main Lobby, viewed from the Faculty Reading Room toward the Main Reference Room, is simple and spacious.

memory of Dorothy Asbury Jordan by her sister. The large bronze Lambert Rucki crucifix in the Main Lobby is a special memorial honoring Mr. and Mrs. William Moore. Eileen O'Shaughnessy O'Shaughnessy presented the Charging Desk to the Library. The Cataloging Room is the gift of Mr. Raymond J. Gates.

The Main Lobby sets the pace for the whole building. It is graciously simple and functional. The centrally located Charging Desk, which serves the whole Library, is de-

signed and located to control Library traffic with a minimum of supervisory personnel.

The first floor also contains the Main Reference Room, the Librarian's Office, College Archives Room, Faculty Reading Room, Rare Book Room, coat room and large work areas for technical services.

The two large paintings in the Lobby are Maratta's "Adoration of the Magi" and Farasyn's "St. Thomas More."



Rare Book Room.

The Rare Book Room, the treasure room of the new Library, is furnished to maintain the dignity the collection deserves. The parquet flooring, beamed ceiling, wood burning fireplace and beautifully restored antique furniture lend an atmosphere of elegance and an appreciation of things of historical and cultural value.

Almost the entire spiritual library of the early Community of the Sisters of Providence, several thousand volumes, mostly in French, has been preserved and is housed in this room. Individual volumes in an excellent state of preservation date from the fifteenth to the early nineteenth century.

Other notable collections in the Rare Book Room include:

□ The Hampton Collection, mainly fine sets of travel and biography, a gift from the estate of Frances Wilhoit Hampton, '78.



Lay Trustees, Mr. John Pfister, Mr. William A. Brennan, Jr., and Mr. Edward J. Donahue, with Sisters Marie Perpetua and Mary Joseph.

□ The John Howard Mitchell Collection, part of the childhood library of the only boy ever registered full-time at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods (Minum Class 1921). The son of Tryphena Mitchell Mitchell, '96, and the grandson of Craigie Gunn Mitchell, '72, he lost his life in World War II. The collection was given in his memory by his mother. It includes English editions of American classics and deluxe editions of many standard authors.

□ The Americana Collection, given in memory of Sister Mary Borromeo Brown by a devoted friend, Miss Olga Schiemann, contains some of the most valuable items in the Rare Book Room. Its books on North America from 1500 to the early 1800s are in Spanish, French and English. Many are specially bound. Another very special gift from Miss Schiemann now housed in the Rare Book Room is a portfolio of original letters and documents of Saint Charles Borromeo.

□ The Coleridge Collection includes manuscripts and unusual editions of works of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. It was assembled while Sister Eugenia Logan was compiling her *Concordance to the Works of Coleridge*.

Other Rare Book Room acquisitions are much too numerous to mention individually — beautiful books, old

and new, pages of incunabula, fore-edge paintings, miniatures, autographed letters, coins and stamps, many donated by friends and benefactors of the College.

The painting over the fireplace is "Answered Prayer for Rain" by the German artist of the nineteenth century, Peter Baumgartner.



The Indiana Room on the second floor contains books about Indiana and by Indiana authors and serves as the meeting place for the College Board of Lay Trustees.

Terre Haute is given special prominence in the room through the presence of portraits of two local women who studied at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods—Amalia Kussner Coudert and her sister, Louise Kussner Cloud. The portraits were done by Mrs. Benjamin Guinness and were bequeathed to the College by Mrs. Cloud.

The Indiana Room on the second floor.



Mrs. Coudert, better known as Amalia Kussner, earned artistic acclaim in this country and abroad for her exquisite miniature portraits. Her scrap books, also bequeathed to Saint Mary's, contain clippings and letters from social and political dignitaries whom she had painted in miniature, among them Edward VII, the Prince of Wales; Cecil Rhodes; and the Goulds.

The conference table in the Indiana Room was specially designed. The blue leather chairs and blue draperies in this room and the adjoining President's Conference Room were chosen to blend with the blue-toned painting, "On the Cliff," in the latter. The painting of three young girls is by American artist Charles Courtney Curran.

The north wing of the second floor contains a portion of the Library's non-fiction holdings in open stacks. Tables and chairs and individual carrels are conveniently placed for Library users.



The Curriculum Library on the second floor is a memorial in honor of the late Mother Gertrude Clare from Reverend Mother Rose Angela and all the Sisters of Providence. Here, significantly, are kept the books related to the field of education.

Many publishers have presented to the Curriculum Library rotating collections of textbooks currently in use in elementary and secondary schools. They are used regularly by students preparing to teach. For comparative studies, a collection of selected old text books and readers is maintained in special cabinets. Pictures, maps, pamphlets and other teaching aids augment the book collection.

Adjacent to the Curriculum Library is the Children's Literature Area of approximately 7,000 volumes representing



The Curriculum Library is a memorial in honor of the late Mother Gertrude Clare. A feature is the area in the photo to the right which contains rotating collections of current texts, gifts from various publishers.

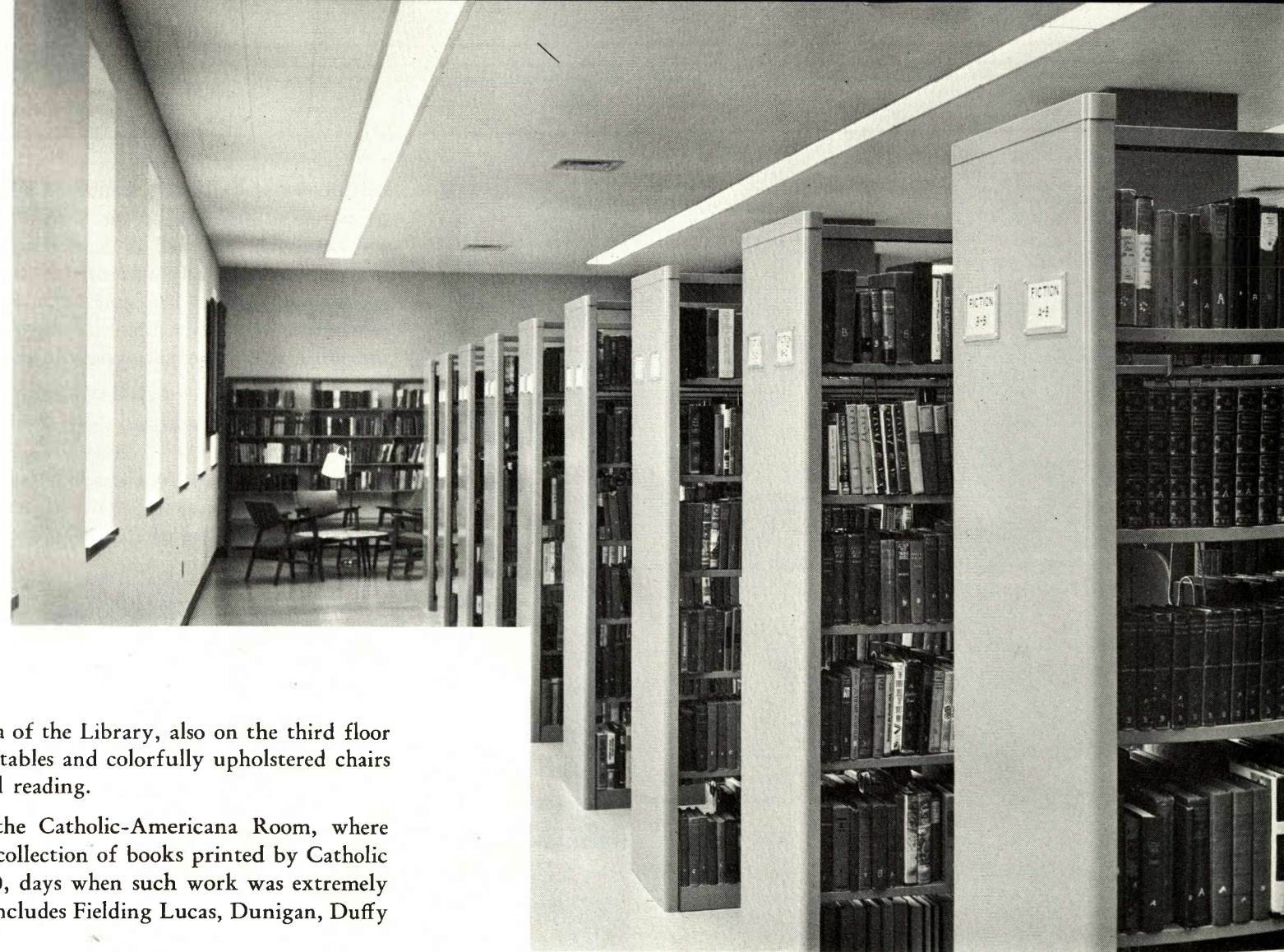
the history of children's literature. Here are found religious tracts, horn books, and the world of Caldecott, Newbery and Greenaway, as well as the newest in the juvenile field. It is useful to those studying literature and elementary education and its contents, a long-time accumulation, have often been remembered by Saint Mary-of-the-Woods alumnae as they introduce their own youngsters to the marvels of books and reading.

The colorful mosaic tables in the Children's Area and elsewhere in the new Library were designed and executed by various Sister of Providence artists. All of the crucifixes in the Library were specially selected. Many of them are originals; some, gifts of the artists to the College Library.

Children's Literature Area (below).



*Fiction is located
on the third
floor, front.*



The Fiction Area of the Library, also on the third floor is furnished with low tables and colorfully upholstered chairs for comfortable casual reading.

Adjoining it is the Catholic-Americana Room, where are gathered a special collection of books printed by Catholic publishers before 1880, days when such work was extremely difficult and rare. It includes Fielding Lucas, Dunigan, Duffy and Cumiskey.

The Room also houses a valuable card collection on the lives of persons who contributed significantly to the efforts of the Church in America. The several thousand cards in the manuscript file of the late Reverend Joseph H. Vanderburg Some, a gift to the Library from his family, form a complete record of the bishops and priests who have labored in Indiana since the 1700s.

Opposite the Catholic-Americana room is the Audio-Visual Room, another designed for multiple purposes. Its 110 stack chairs are easily rearranged for large and small gatherings. Standard audio-visual equipment is available in the room.

Furnishings in the Faculty Lounge on the third floor were selected to make the room equally versatile and comfortable. The large room is simple and modern, readily adaptable for meetings, receptions and study. Adjoining it is a kitchenette.

The closed cabinets in the Faculty Lounge contain an interesting collection of antique Bohemian glassware, presented to SMW by the late Mary C. Pefferman.

In the north wing is the Fine Arts Area of the new

Special folio shelving in the Fine Arts Area on the third floor.



Library, equipped with special folio and display cases as well as traditional shelving.

In this wing, too, are the foreign language books — German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Latin, Greek, Russian and oriental.

The French collection was recently enhanced by a sizable gift from the widow of the late Professor Ernest Leveque, a Moliere scholar from Indiana University. The Professor's personal library of books, manuscripts and stamps was given to the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Library.



SMW Librarian, Sister Camilla, shows two visitors one of the many displays in the Library.

Bound periodicals are in open stacks in the north wing of the lower floor of the Library. Included are complete files of many of the better known American and foreign publications. Practically all of the published indexes to periodical literature are also available.

The Library's extensive postal card collection, which emphasizes costumes, geography and art, and the pamphlet and clipping collections are near by.

The Daisy Room on the lower floor, so called because of its decor, is a refreshment area for Library users.

At the south end of the lower floor is an area which can be separated into up to six seminar rooms by extending convenient accordian dividers.


Across the hall are six small sound-proofed typing rooms.

Point of versatility: the seminar rooms on the lower floor.



The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Library contains 64,000 sq. ft. of floor space over four floors. Cost totalled \$1,279,000, including furnishings and equipment, all of which was contributed by friends of the College. Capacity of the Library is 250,000 volumes. Current holdings total 146,000 volumes. The building can accommodate 425 in open reading and study areas at the present time.

<i>Architect</i>	Bohlen & Burns / Indianapolis, Indiana
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<i>Mechanical Contractor</i>	Freitag-Weinhardt, Inc. / Terre Haute, Indiana
<i>Electrical Contractor</i>	Potter Electrical Engineering & Construction Co. / Terre Haute, Indiana
<i>Decorating</i>	Norman Engert / Terre Haute, Indiana
<i>Elevator</i>	Applegate Elevator Company / Indianapolis, Indiana
<i>Interior Decorator</i>	Betty Eyles Sharp / Indianapolis, Indiana
<i>Library Equipment Consultants</i>	John Griffith, Jack Rockman and Rulo Jones DeLuxe Metal Products Co./Warren, Pennsylvania
<i>Furnishings & Equipment</i>	Jasper Table Co. / Jasper, Indiana Indiana Seating Co. / Jasper, Indiana Hoosier Desk Co. / Jasper, Indiana Samuels Furniture Co. / Indianapolis, Indiana
<i>Shelving</i>	DeLuxe Metal Products Co. / Warren, Pennsylvania
<i>Card Catalog</i>	Myrtle Desk Co. / High Point, North Carolina



Saint Mary-of-the-Woods — Indiana's oldest college for women, is located in the lovely hill country of western Indiana, just outside of Terre Haute. Its educational program is geared to meet the woman's particular needs, utilize her individual capabilities, and develop her womanly potentialities — so that in any vocation or profession she may serve, influence, and inspire society with the truth of her learning and the beauty of her Christian ideals.

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Aided Wounded in Wars

By DOROTHY CLARK

I'm indebted to Sister Luke Crawford, S.P., of Saint-Mary-of-the Woods College for the following story on how the Sisters of Providence have met the challenge to serve their fellow man during the past decades.

Good Pope John coined "aggiornamento," which means "meeting the needs of the times," and "commitment to contemporary problems." It is interesting to note especially in the Sesquicentennial year of the State of Indiana, that Indiana history testifies that Hoosiers and Hoosier organizations through the years have been doing precisely this—meeting the needs of the times.

It is evident, for example, in the annals of Civil War history of Indiana. Particularly the religious institutions of Indiana distinguished themselves by meeting the needs with devoted service to their country during the Civil War.

The Holy Cross Congregation, the Brothers who have operated the University of Notre Dame since 1841, sent eight priests who served as chaplains.

Among them were the distinguished Father Corby, immortal chaplain of the 88th Regiment of New York Volunteers, part of Meagher's Irish Brigade, and the Very Rev. Charles O'Donnell, soldier-priest-poet of Notre Dame.

Sister Juliana Chatard, sister of the late Bishop Silas Chatard, D. D., Bishop of Indianapolis from 1878 to 1918, served on the battlefield as a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Emmitsburg, Md.

She is among the devoted nurses of the Civil War and one of the more than 200 members of her Community who served in hospitals in Washington, Philadelphia and Gettysburg.

Records Found

The sister of St. Dominic of Springfield, Ky., who staff schools in Jeffersonville, Ind., have recorded in their history the heroic services of their Sisters especially at the battle of Perryville.

Prominent also in Civil War memory are the Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods who served as nurses at the military hospitals in Indianapolis and Vincennes.



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Sister Athanasius Fogarty was the directress of the military hospital at Indianapolis. At the request of the late Bishop de St. Palais, then Bishop of Vincennes, Sister Felix Buchanan and Sister St. Sophie Glenn served at the temporary hospital in Vincennes where Hoosier soldiers and men of the 19th Illinois Regiment were treated.

Other Sisters of Providence who served in Indianapolis were Sister M. Rose O'Donoghue, Sister Eugenia Gorman, Sister Mary Francis Guthneck, Sister Mathilda Swimley, Sister Frances Ann Carney, Sister M. Henrietta McKenzie, Sister M. Louis

Maloney, and Sister Helena Burns.

Sister Rose was a sister of Auxiliary Bishop Denis O'Donoghue of Indianapolis, who also served 25 years as pastor of St. Patrick's parish, Indianapolis.

NUNS OF THE BATTLEFIELD, a book written by Ellen Ryan Jolly, LL.D., records the data she gathered for the inscription on the monument, "Nuns of the Battlefield" which stands at the junction of Rhode Island and Connecticut Avenues, Washington, D. C.

Monument Built

Erected in September, 1924, the monument is a tribute to the Sisters in the United States who served in the Civil War.

A Sister of Providence figures prominently among the religious women honored for their service to their country. The inscription on the monument reads: "To the memory and in honor of the Various Orders of Sisters who gave their services as nurses on battlefields and in hospitals during the Civil War."

This tribute was at the instigation of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who secured Congressional approval in 1918 and the subsequent dedication in full military splendor, Sept. 20, 1924.

Orator for the dedication of this monument was the renowned Very Rev. John Cabanaugh, CSC, then President of the University of Notre Dame.

In her book, Mrs. Jolly states: "There was, however, in Civil War days no great and humane organization like the Red Cross. In the emergency of 1861, the Catholic sisterhoods, with their hundreds of volunteers, entered the War service, the only trained body of women in military hospital duty at that time."

"These nuns served without pay, and with no desire for

public favor. Their days were filled with homely and laborious duties which even the most skillful chronicler could not recore, but they live forever in the memory of grateful men; they are painted on the unforgetting intelligence of the Angels and the story is written on the Books of God."

Sister Praised

One month after the Sister took command of the Indianapolis City Hospital, the **INDANAPOLIS DAILY JOURNAL**, June 18, 1861, carried this editorial:

"Providence sometimes turns even our most foolish acts into real blessings as it often confounds our wisest into follies. Our City Hospital is a striking illustration.

"When it was commenced there was no need of it. But the War came and with it the gathering of forces and its accompanying evils and sickness, there were but very inadequate accommodations in the camp for the sick.

"The City Hospital seemed a special providence . . . The breaking out of measles in the State encampment was the

first demonstration of its necessity.

"The surgeons of that encampment, Drs. Jameson and Kitchen, speedily organized a force under the supervision of the Sisters of Providence of Terre Haute, who gave their invaluable services as these associations always do, without pay, purely in discharge of a high Christian duty. . . ."

"Certainly the services the Sisters rendered then are eloquent testimony that 'meeting the needs of the times' is and has long been the practice of religious communities. This applies equally to civic and other denominational organizations.

Always Needed

To go back even further, and yet not belabor an obvious point, the very foundation of the Sisters of Providence in America was answering the needs of the times.

Mother Theodore Guerin and her band of five companions who came to Saint Mary-of-the Woods in 1840 at the request of the Bishop of Vincennes, like many other religious communities and organizations whose American foundation dates to the early 19th century, were answering the call to evangelize the "wilds of America."

Today, in the 1960's the plea is not so different. Sisters of Providence and many other communities of all Christian

sects have sent missionaries to Latin America and elsewhere, to spread Christianity in a manner that fits our times.

A Sesquicentennial prompts a look at history. And this history gives one courage to know that similar challenges have been met before magnificently. From this thought maybe some of the fear that this generation might not meet the challenge will diminish."